



Town of Bridgewater
Budget & Finance Committee

September 8, 2026

6:00 PM

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A/2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A Quorum of the Town Council May Be In Attendance

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Order O-FY26-013: Town Council Acceptance of Proposed Traffic Ticket Fee Increases
 - b) Order O-FY27-016: Transfer Order - CPC Restoration of Ousamequin Hand Pumper and Historic Pictures
- D. Discussion**
 - a) Town of Bridgewater's Budget Timeline and Bridgewater Raynham's Budget Timeline
- E. Public Comment**
- F. Adjournment of Meeting**



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: 8/11/2026
First Reading: 8/11/2026
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

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

ORDERED, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the attached proposed Traffic Ticket Fee Increases with an effective date of October 1, 2026.

Explanation:

An affirmative vote will formally accept the attached increases effective October 1, 2026.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: 1. Copy of Traffic Ticket Fees

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

VOICE VOTE TO REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Parking Ticket Fees					
Code	Offense	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Increased By	Notes
1	Handicapped Parking	\$105	No change	0	State mandated fee
2	Impeding Snow Removal	\$25	\$50	\$25	
3	All Night Parking	\$25	\$50	\$25	
4	Double Parking	\$20	\$50	\$30	
5	Within 10 ft' of a Fire Hydrant	\$105	No change	\$0	State mandated fee
6	Wrong Direction	\$20	\$50	\$30	
7	Obstructing Crosswalk or Sidewalk	\$25	\$50	\$25	
8	Obstructing Driveway	\$20	\$50	\$25	
9	Restricted or Prohibited Area	\$20	\$50	\$30	
10	Within 20' of Intersection	\$25	\$50	\$30	
11	Overtime Parking	\$20	\$50	\$25	
12	Over 1ft from Curb	\$20	\$50	\$30	
13	Bus Stop and Taxi Stand	\$20	\$50	\$30	
18	Other	\$20	\$50	\$30	
29	Blocking Fire Exit/Lane	\$25	\$50	\$25	
30	Improper Parking	\$20	\$50	\$30	
33	Obstructing Flow of Traffic	\$20	\$50	\$30	
40	Violations of Rules and Regulations - Town Facilities	\$20	\$50	\$30	
44	On Private Way	\$20	\$50	\$30	
47	Wrong Side of Street	\$20	\$50	\$30	
50	Parking Outside Marked Line	\$20	\$50	\$30	



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Order O-FY27-016: Transfer Order - CPC Restoration of Ousamequin Hand Pumper and Historic Pictures

ORDERED, in accordance with section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, vote to appropriate \$181,000 broken into two takes to be taken from the Historic Preservation Reserve (Account Number 324200). Task 1 is the restoration of the Ousamequin pumper for \$123,000 and Task 2 is for the restoration of the pictures for \$58,000.

Explanation:

See CPC Recommendations.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments:

1. CPC Recommendation Hand Pumper
2. Hand Pumper and Picture Restoration Application (1)
3. Bridgewater Fire Department Cost Breakout

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

VOICE VOTE REFER TO BUDGET & FINANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE



Town of Bridgewater, MA

Community Preservation Committee

66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

August 4, 2026

Mr. Justin Cassanova-Davis, Town Manager
Mr. Paul Murphy, Town Council President
Town of Bridgewater
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Re: Restoration of Ousamequin Hand Pumper and Historic Pictures

Dear Mr. Cassanova-Davis and Mr. Murphy:

In response to an application received from the Bridgewater Fire Department for the restoration of their Ousamequin hand pumper and historic pictures, dated July 7, 2026, the following motion was made by Carlton Hunt and duly seconded at the CPC's July 22nd meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

To recommend an appropriation of \$181,000 broken into two tasks to be taken from the Historic Preservation Reserve 324200. Task 1 is the restoration of the Ousamequin pumper for \$123,000, and the other is for the restoration of the pictures for \$58,000.

Please see that this information is placed on the Town Council agenda and that the application is forwarded to the Council members as backup to the order.

I would appreciate if you would let me know when the Council acts on the order so we can prepare the award letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gina Guasconi".

Gina Guasconi, Chair
Community Preservation Committee

cc: Josh McGraw
Laurie Guerrini
Carlton Hunt
Debra Ward

CPC Project Application

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Submitted by:

Submitted On: 2026-07-07 15:17:24

Status: Open

Priority: Normal

Assigned To: Josh McGraw

Due Date: Open

Attachments

- [IMG_5740.jpeg](#) - 2026-07-07 03:17:26 pm
- [IMG_5156.jpeg](#) - 2026-07-07 03:17:26 pm

Applications should be submitted **no later than 4:00 PM, at least two (2) weeks before the CPC meeting (the CPC meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month).**

Complete applications received by this date will be reviewed at the next CPC meeting and considered for recommendation to the Town Council. Applications received after this will be reviewed at the following month's meeting, unless you receive an exception from the CPC chair.

Project timelines may extend up to **five (5) years**.

Projects will be favored by the CPC where:

- The project addresses at least one goal of the current CPC 5-Year Plan. [CPC 5-Year Plan](#)
- The applicant has site control of the proposed parcel, or the project includes the property owner's involvement or consent.
- Community support is demonstrated (e.g., elected officials, abutters, user groups, civic associations, and/or community organizations).
- The applicant demonstrates the capacity to implement the project and provides a plan for ongoing maintenance and stewardship.
- The project occurs on public property or on private property with public access.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

* Project Name: Hunneman Hand Pumper/Historical photograph restoration	* Project Location (address and neighborhood) 1185 Pleasant Street
* Legal Property Owner of Record: Town of Bridgewater-Bridgewater Fire Department	
* CPA Program Area (check all that apply): ☐ Open Space ☒ Historic Preservation ☐ Community Housing ☐ Recreation	

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PROJECT INFORMATION

* Project Description:

Restoration of the Fire Department's 1848 Hunneman hand pumper (Ousamequin) and 15 photographs depicting department history.

* Estimated Start Date:

11/15/2026

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

* Estimated Completion Date:

02/15/2028

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

* Amount Requested:

\$180,150.00

* Total Project Cost:

\$180,150.00

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PROJECT CONTACT

* Contact Person:

Glen Grafton-Deputy Chief

Phone Number:

5086591402

Email Address:

ggrafton@bridgewaterma.org

Project Manager (who's overseeing project)

Glen Michael Grafton

Phone Number:

Ex. (123) 456-7890

Project Sponsor/Organization (check one below):

☒ Committee or Department

☐ Public Charity/Non-Profit

☐ Private

Have you or the organization applied for or received CPA funding before?

NO

If YES, what project and when?

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PROJECT NARRATIVE

Please refer to the CPC's Project Application Guidance for requirements.

CPC Goals and Priorities:

The Ousamequin represents a significant and tangible link to our department’s early history and to the heritage of the town. and was housed at a fire station (in actuality a barn) in the Scotland area in the mid-1800s. As one of the few surviving artifacts from that era, the Ousamequin deserves historically accurate restoration and proper preservation. To ensure the work is performed to the highest standard, I have had extensive discussions with Hal Fillingier of Vintage Vehicle Restorations, Inc., in Harleysville, PA. Mr. Fillingier specializes in antique hand fire apparatus and has restored several Hunneman hand pumpers. He is currently restoring the Rockland Fire Department’s King Philip hand pumper, a comparable piece. His experience and craftsmanship align with the level of historical accuracy and care this apparatus requires. The goal is a complete restoration to original factory specifications. The proposed scope of work includes: • Complete disassembly • Fabrication and replacement of all degraded components by skilled craftsmen (leather tooling, wooden components, metal bolts, rivets, and straps) • Wheel restoration • Brass restoration • Recreation of the original toolbox • Recreation of suction pipes • Restoration of push rails to original wood, replacing later galvanized pipe modifications • Complete paint removal • Application of original Hunneman factory paint colors • Gold leaf detailing • Any additional work necessary to return the apparatus to authentic factory condition Given the importance of this apparatus, restoration should be entrusted to experienced craftsmen who specialize in antique fire equipment. Upon completion, the Ousamequin would be displayed indoors at Headquarters to protect it from environmental exposure while maintaining visibility for visitors. Three potential display locations have been identified: • Apparatus floor • East mezzanine • Training tower alcove In addition to permanent indoor display, we would like the Ousamequin to participate in the annual 4th of July parade. Due to insurance carrier restrictions, pushing the apparatus along the parade route is no longer permitted; however, it may be safely transported and exhibited on a flatbed trailer. Restoring and displaying the Ousamequin will preserve an irreplaceable piece of the departments and the town’s history. It reflects the dedication, craftsmanship, and community spirit that have defined generations of firefighters. This project ensures its legacy is properly honored and shared with future members and visitors alike. The second part of this project is the rehabilitation and digital restoration of 15 photographs depicting the original School Street station, horse pulled fire apparatus (including the Ousamequin), and department personnel. These photos align with significant department milestones included in Benjamin Spence's Fire Service in Bridgewater, MA 1844-1910. Our intention is to display the digitized prints in the public areas of the station, chronicling the department's evolution to the current day. Both parts of this project align with the principles and goals described in Bridgewater's Community Preservation Plan, particularly the preservation and rehabilitation of historic artifacts and equipment. These pieces represent the living history of the department, little of which remains.

Community Needs:

This project represents the history of the Fire Department and will be available for all community members to view upon completion. This project is a link to our past and will serve as tangible talking points to stimulate discussion about Bridgewater's (and the Department's) past and future.

Implementation and Timeline:

With a hopeful approval timeline of late September 2026, the project would be implemented by October 15th, 2026. The Hunneman hand pumper will be shipped to Harleysville, PA to begin the restoration process and the photographs will be delivered to the approved vendor to begin the rehabilitation and restoration process. The anticipated completion date is February of 2028, though an earlier conclusion is possible. The Hunneman pumper will take considerably longer to complete than the photographs.

Organizational Experience and Capacity:

Bridgewater Fire Department

Proposed Maintenance Plan:

The Hunneman hand pumper will be displayed at the new fire headquarters with 3 possible viewing locations in consideration. Post-restoration care will follow the recommendation of Hal Fillingier of Vintage Vehicle Restorations, Inc. Digital reproductions of the photographs will be displayed in public areas of fire headquarters with the originals, after restoration, stored securely.

Multi-Year Projects:

See the Attachments Checklist for additional required materials, if applicable and available.

Please upload attachments for this Application below.

* Upload a File

Choose File

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ASSURANCE

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the following application information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I am legally able to enter into a contract on behalf of <type org/name below> with the Town of Bridgewater for Community Preservation Funds.

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Complete Application Check List

Please submit the application in this order:

Please submit the application in this order:

- ☐ Project Application Page
- ☐ Project Narrative and Timeline
- ☐ Budget Narrative and Cost Breakdown

Required Project Attachments including:

- ☐ Documentation of who has site control on the property (if other than applicant)
- ☐ Photographs of project site (at least 3)
- ☐ Map of project site showing the nearest major roads or intersections
- ☐ Letters of support from relevant Town departments, officials, and boards/commissions
- ☐ Letters of committment (from any organizations or individuals providing funding to the project)
- ☐ Other attachments as applicable and available to your project.

Upload Attachments here

Choose File

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Note: Applicants may be required to submit additional supporting materials and documentation, as requested by the CPC, to aid the committee in their decision-making process.

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* By checking this box and typing my name below, I acknowledge that I am submitting this form electronically and that my typed name serves as my signature.

☒ Please Check Box

* Name:

* Date

Glen Grafton

07/07/2026

Format: MM/DD/YYYY

From: [Grafton, Glen](#)
To: [McGraw, Joshua](#)
Cc: [Community Preservation Committee](#)
Subject: Bridgewater Fire Department submission
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 12:07:09 PM

Mr. McGraw,

The following is a cost breakout for the requested funds.

Vintage Vehicle Restorations by Hal Fillingner

\$115,000.00 Hunneman hand pumper ("Ousamequin") restoration

Dunnes Towing Inc.

\$7,900.00 Round trip secure transport from Bridgewater to
Harleysville, PA

NEDCC (Northeast Document Conservation Center

\$57,250.00 Conservation and Restoration Treatment Plan for 15
historical photos/prints of the BFD

I hope this is what is needed. If you need any further information, please reach out. Thank you
for the consideration.

Glen Grafton
Deputy Chief