TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
OFFICE OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL

Budget & Finance Committee
Agenda

Committee Members:

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**Location:**
Academy Building
66 Central Square
Room 201B
Bridgewater, MA

**Date & Time:**
February 25, 2020
6:45 p.m.
Agenda

A. Call to Order
B. Approval of Minutes:
   - January 21, 2020
   - February 4, 2020
C. Legislation Referred:
   - Order O-FY19-057: Directing the Town Manager to Create a Special Reserve Fund
   - Order O-FY20-046: Road and Drainage Betterments - First Street
   - Ordinance D-FY20-008: General Ordinance - Rescind Ordinance D-2012-004 Administration & Fiduciary Oversight of Budget - Ambulance Receipts
D. Public Comment
E. Adjourn
Bridgewater Town Council
In Town Council, Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-046

Introduction:

Order O-FY20-046

ROAD AND DRAINAGE BETTERMENTS - FIRST STREET

ORDERED, in accordance with Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Town Code, that the Town Council assembled vote to adopt the attached Order of Estimate For Betterment of First Street, attached Plan and Exhibit A.

Explanation:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws and Chapter 260, Article XVI, the Town Council in Order for the Town to assess a betterment relative to the First Street Project, the Town Council must vote to adopt an Order that specifically includes: (1) a description of the area involved that is sufficiently accurate for identification; (2) refers to a plan (on record or to be recorded) of the area affected; and (3) estimates the betterments that will be assessed on each parcel of land within the area. If approved by the Town Council, said Order, Plan and Exhibit A must be recorded with the applicable Registry of Deeds within ninety (90) days.

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ORDER OF ESTIMATE FOR BETTERMENT OF FIRST STREET

Pursuant to Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Massachusetts Town Code, this Order of Estimate for Betterments is made after the Vote of Bridgewater Town Council, of the Town of Bridgewater, Council Order: O-FY20-046 on February 25, 2020, for betterments to be assessed for improvements to the way, known as First Street. The betterment includes a full depth reconstruction, drainage repair & installation and repaving of the entire roadway from Elm Street to the cul-de-sac of First Street, stormwater collection and conveyance conduits and appurtenant structures for stormwater runoff collection and disposal. Construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer main and appurtenances and approximately 500 linear feet of sewer force main and related appurtenances. Said improvements are also more particularly illustrated on a Plan recorded herewith. The approval of Council Order: O-FY20-046 follows two petitions dated March 19, 2019 & June 3, 2019, (the "Petitions"), whereby a minimum of two-thirds of the ownership interests of the abutters of First Street, requested improvements to the Way and agreed to this estimated assessment pursuant to Chapter 260, Article XVI.

The Town Council, under the power and authority conferred upon them by Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Massachusetts Town Code, and Chapter 80 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby state that the Town and abutters as described above, have determined to improve the Way, and that the Town, pursuant to the Petition, and after Town Council vote, has estimated the costs per parcel of land on the attached form (Exhibit A).
The estimated amounts shall constitute a lien upon such land from the date of recording pursuant Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 80, Section 2.

APPROVED

Town Council,

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DATED

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth, ss

On this___day of _____________2020, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________, as Town Council Members for the Town of Bridgewater, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____________, to be the person whose names are signed on the preceding document in my presence and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

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Notary Public

My commission expires____________________
Introduction:

Council Ordinance: D-FY20-008

Proposed Ordinance D-FY20-008

GENERAL ORDINANCE - RESCIND ORDINANCE D-2012-004 ADMINISTRATION & FIDUCIARY OVERSIGHT OF BUDGET - AMBULANCE RECEIPTS

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Administrative Code, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to rescind General Ordinance D-2012-004, Administration and Fiduciary Oversight of Budget – Ambulance Receipts.

Explanation: When Ordinance D-2012-004 was adopted by the Council it attempted to create an “ambulance reserve” out of which money could be transferred to the General Fund to offset the expenses of running an ambulance service, and it generally limited that amount to $1 million. Unfortunately, the Town’s Auditors have suggested that the fund was not created properly. Now, with proper budgeting practices and annual budget resolutions which better reflect and understand the nature of the ambulance business, the ordinance is not necessary. Consistently the Council has voted to override the Ordinance’s restrictions, and the Budget and Finance Committee has consistently recommended to the Finance Director and the Town Manager that the Ordinance should be rescinded.

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