

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Virtual Meeting via Zoom© Agenda

Committee Members:

*William Wood, Chair
Precinct 6 Councilor*

*Shawn George, Member
Precinct 3 Councilor*

*Dennis Gallagher, Member
Councilor-At-Large*

Location: Virtual Via Zoom©

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Meeting ID: 874 3865 0199

Date & February 28, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Public Comment
- C. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - January 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- D. Legislation Referred
 - Ordinance D-FY22-019: Acceptance of Local Tax Option – Retail Marijuana Tax
 - Order O-FY22-041: Transfer Order – Contractual Buyouts
 - Order O-FY22-042: Acceptance of Fire Safety Equipment Grant
 - Order O-FY22-043: Acceptance of Grant COA - MCOA
 - Order O-FY22-045: Acceptance of Grant COA – BPD
 - Order O-FY22-047: Loan Order – Fire Stations
 - Order O-FY22-048: Acceptance of Grant COA
 - Order O-FY22-049: Transfer Order Non-Union
- E. Public Comment
- F. Adjourn



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Council Ordinance: D-FY22-019

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: February 15, 2022
First Reading:
Second Reading:
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY22-019

General Ordinance – Acceptance of Local Tax Option – Retail Marijuana Tax

WHEREAS, The Town Council voted in 2016 to establish the Elm Street Retail Overlay for the zoning of medical marijuana treatment centers, also known as Registered Marijuana Dispensaries (RMD); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater has two RMD's; and

WHEREAS, both RMD's bought their properties on Elm Street in 2016; and

WHEREAS, both RMD's received Planning Board Decision Letters for site approval in 2016; and

WHEREAS, both RMD's have Community Benefit Agreements (Host Agreements) signed with the Town prior to 1-July-2017; and

WHEREAS, both RMD's have licensing from the State prior to 1-July-2017; and

WHEREAS, M.G.L. Chapter 94G, Section 3, states that, "except that zoning ordinances or by-laws shall not operate to: (i) prevent the conversion of a medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 engaged in the cultivation, manufacture or sale of marijuana or marijuana products to a marijuana establishment engaged in the same type of activity...", and

WHEREAS, when there is a conflict between local ordinances and State Law, State Law has preemption; and

WHEREAS, in their judgment (SJC-13029, 30-Aug-2021), the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) found unanimously in favor of CommCan in their lawsuit against the Town of Mansfield, which was attempting to prevent CommCan, a medical marijuana dispensary, to become a Retail Marijuana Establishment; and

WHEREAS, the SJC, in their decision, said that CommCan was covered by the exclusion as defined in M.G.L Chapter 94G, Section 3, and that Mansfield could not prevent the conversion to a Retail Marijuana establishment; and

WHEREAS, both of Bridgewater RMD's satisfy the requirements as stated in SJC-13029, making them eligible for licensing as a Marijuana Retailer; and

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY

WHEREAS, at least one of the RMD's in the Town of Bridgewater has begun the effort to obtain a Retail Marijuana license;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Council assembled votes to accept M.G.L, Chapter 64N, Marijuana Tax, Section 3, Local Tax Option, and sets the tax rate to be 3 percent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-041

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: February 1, 2022
 First Reading: February 1, 2022
 Second Reading/Hearing:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-041

TRANSFER ORDER – CONTRACTUAL BUYOUTS

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer \$92,670 from Employer’s Liability Trust Fund t accounts as outlined

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
EMPLOYEE SLLB LIABILITY TRUST	80045-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 92,670.00
Total:			\$ 92,670.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries	06305001-519005	Salary Contractual Pay	\$ 92,670.00
Total			\$ 92,670.00

Explanation:

Contractual buyouts for Retirement

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-042

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: February 1, 2022
 First Reading: February 1, 2022
 Second Reading/Hearing:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-042

ACCEPTANCE OF FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT GRANT

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a grant award from the Executive Office of Public Safety to the MA Department of Fire Services.

Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$19,000.00 from the EOPS - MA Department of Fire Services, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

To purchase Thermal Imaging Camera – Vehicle Stabilization Struts; The grant will purchase pair of Rescue 42 vehicle stabilization struts to support responding vehicles and 4 SEEK Reveal handheld thermal imagers to be used on scenes for 360 degree sizeup at fire incidents and any other application where source of heat or smoke needs to be discovered.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-043

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 1, 2022
First Reading: February 1, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-043

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT COA

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a gift award from the Mass Council on Aging (MCOA), Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$7,800.00 from the MCOA, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Bridgewater Council on Aging has been awarded a \$7800.00 Grant for the purposes of building a connected community through a new initiative entitled: Cohesive Bridgewater. This six-month project encompasses a COA rebranding by creating new messaging and educational programs, while engaging the older adult and caregiver communities. The project includes onboarding a marketing internship position to create new printed materials, imagery, and content for the COA, as well as a marketing campaign targeting older adults with cognitive changes, caregivers, and older men as they often are not active participants at our COA. The project also creates a new opportunity for a hybrid volunteer/paid stipend Information and Referral Specialist position to perform community outreach, marketing, and intakes. It is our goal for this project to provide a high touch, hyper-local, service delivery model to benefit the needs of the citizens of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-045

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 1, 2022
First Reading: February 1, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-045

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT COA

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a gift award from the Bridgewater Police Association Union, Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$2,000.00 from the Bridgewater Police Union, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Each year, the Bridgewater Police Department participates in "No Shave November" as a fundraising event. As a result of the 2021 event, the Police Department has generously donated \$2600.00 to the Senior Center for the purposes of contributing towards a replacing the tent which was destroyed in the Noreaster as well as providing safety items to Seniors throughout Town.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-047

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 15, 2022
First Reading: February 15, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-047

LOAN ORDER – FIRE STATIONS

ORDERED: that \$23,000,000 is appropriated to finance the following projects, including all costs incidental and related thereto: (i) constructing and equipping a new fire station, in the approximate amount of \$21,000,000, and (ii) renovating Fire Station 2, in the approximate amount of \$2,000,000; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow an aggregate amount of \$23,000,000 and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Town Manager and Treasurer are authorized to contract for and expend any aid, grants or gifts available for the projects; and that the Town Manager and Treasurer are authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out these projects; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 and 1/2).

Explanation: *This appropriation and loan order pays for the building of a new fire station/headquarters as well as the renovations to Fire Station II contingent on a positive debt-exclusion vote by the voters of Bridgewater.*

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-048

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: February 15, 2022
First Reading: February 15, 2022
Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-048

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT COA

ORDERED: that the Town Council assembled vote to

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

“An officer ... of any city or town ... may accept grants or gifts of funds from ... from the commonwealth ... or an agency thereof, ... and may expend such funds for the purposes of such grant or gift ... with the approval of the city manager and city council...;” and

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater has received a gift award from the Bridgewater Fire Union members, Now, therefore, in accordance with Chapter 44, §53A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Town Council votes to take the following action:

ORDERED that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to accept the grant of \$1,000.00 from the Bridgewater Fire Union, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Fire Department has generously donated \$1,000.00 to the Senior Center for the purposes of contributing towards a replacing the tent which was destroyed in the Noreaster.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-049

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Second Reading/Hearing:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-049

TRANSFER ORDER NON- UNION

ORDERED: that the Town Council assembled vote to

Pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Town of Bridgewater Charter, that the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to appropriate and transfer from below schedule Source of Funds to below schedule Use of Funds:

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
OTHER ONE TIME STABILIZATION FUND	80135-596100	TRANSFER TO GF	\$ 26,643.78
Total:			\$ 26,643.78
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
Salaries Town Council	01115001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,067.10
Salaries Town Manager	01235001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,594.04
Salaries Finance Accounting	01355001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 11,001.88
Salaries Finance Treas/ Coll/Payr	01455001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 2,027.74
Salaries Town Clerk	01615001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,412.84
Salaries CED	01825001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 2,096.88
Salaries Town Building	01925195-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,165.03
Salaries Animal Control	02925001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 984.16
Salaries DPW	04105001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 1,171.71
Salaries Transfer Station	64005001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 828.23
Salaries Veterans	05435001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 808.69
Salaries Library	06105001-510000	Salary & Wages Full Time	\$ 2,485.48
Total			\$ 26,643.78

Explanation:

Funding of the Non-affiliates compensation FY22 to be in alignment with settlements of other Town Bargaining Units

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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