



## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 56, of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing at their meeting March 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. to be held via Zoom© link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89662403458> to consider for action 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). 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. Interested parties are invited to be present and to be heard. Oral and written testimony will be accepted at the meeting.