



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Friday, March 18, 2022

4:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89662403458>

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 896 6240 3458

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom or Facebook Live.

A. HEARING

- a. 4:00 p.m. Public Hearing: Order O-FY22-047: Loan Order – Fire Stations
The Budget & Finance Committee voted 3-0 to recommend at their 2/28/22 meeting. The FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 3/2/22 meeting.

B. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a. Order O-FY22-053: Question to be Placed on the April 23, 2022 Election Warrant
- b. Petition P-2022-017: 2022 Town Election Warrant

C. ADJOURNMENT



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:	March 18, 2022
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)
• B&F	• 2/28/22: Voted 3-0 to recommend.
• FinCom	• 3/2/22: Voted 7-0 to recommend.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



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Order O-FY22-053

Question to be Placed on the April 23, 2022 Election Warrant

ORDERED: (1) that the Town of Bridgewater, pursuant to G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k), shall seek voter approval at the next election on April 23, 2022 to assess taxes in excess of the amount allowed pursuant to G.L. 59 § 21C for the payment of the Town's share of the principal and interest on bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness, issued by the Town of Bridgewater to pay costs of: (i) constructing and equipping a new fire station, in the approximate amount of \$21,000,000, and (ii) renovating Fire Station II, in the approximate amount of \$2,000,000, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and

(2) to that end, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to place the following question on the ballot:

Shall the Town of Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Town of Bridgewater to pay the costs of (i) constructing and equipping a new fire station located at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, 02324, and (ii) renovating Fire Station 2 located at 774 Plymouth Street, Bridgewater, 02324, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes ____ No ____

Explanation: The new fire station appropriation requires a debt exclusion vote. This order directs the Town Clerk to place the question on the annual town election ballot.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Council Petition: P-2022-017

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: March 15, 2022

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

2022 TOWN ELECTION WARRANT

ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2022 Annual Town Election Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk.

Explanation: It is required that the Town Council accepts and approves the attached Warrant as a matter of record.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WARRANT**

Plymouth, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Bridgewater:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Bridgewater, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in the Annual Town Election to vote at:

Precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 & 9
Bridgewater Mitchell Middle School
166 Mount Prospect Street, Bridgewater, MA 02324

THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2022 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following Offices:

- BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE(Bridgewater) for Three Years
- BRIDGEWATER-RAYNHAM REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE(Raynham)..... for Three Years
- TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARYfor Three Years
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QUESTION:

Shall the Town of Bridgewater be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town’s allocable share of the bond issued by the Town of Bridgewater to pay the costs of (i) constructing and equipping a new fire station located at 1185 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, 02324, and (ii) renovating Fire Station 2 located at 774 Plymouth Street, Bridgewater, 02324, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes ____ No ____

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands, the Bridgewater Town Council this ____ day of _____, 2022.

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Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library

Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

_____, 2022.

Constable

(month and day)

Warrant must be posted at least *fourteen days prior* to the **April 23, 2022** Town Election)