



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 912 6954 1826

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council will be conducted via 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 Facebook Live.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) March 9, 2021

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

a) Julia Santarcangelo – *Planning Board Alternate*

F. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - *None*

H. PRESENTATIONS

a) Fire Department Update – *Acting Fire Chief, Michael MacDermott*

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)

b) COVID-19 Update

c) FY2022 Budget (*Standing Item*)

d) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

a) Ordinance D-FY21-006: General Ordinance - Amend Administrative Code, Part II, Article III, Sections 7 and 16

At their meeting held 3/1/21, the Rules & Procedures Committee voted 3-0 to recommend approval of this measure. This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered this evening.

M. OLD BUSINESS - *None*

N. NEW BUSINESS

a) Order O-FY21-032: Loan Order - Loan Authorization Curve Street Water Main (*Town Manager*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-006

Introduced By:	Councilor Shawn George
Date Introduced:	February 23, 2021
First Reading:	February 23, 2021
Second Reading:	March 9, 2021
Third Reading:	March 23, 2021
Amendments Adopted:	
Date Adopted:	
Date Effective:	

Proposed Ordinance D-FY21-006

GENERAL ORDINANCE - AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, PART II, ARTICLE III, SECTIONS 7 AND 16

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

ORDERED that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part I, Chapter 1, Article III, Section 7, Community Preservation Committee, B., (1) (c): as follows:

Section 7. Community Preservation Committee

B. Authorities and responsibilities.

(1) Acquisition and preservation.

(c) In considering its recommendations, the Community Preservation Committee shall use as a guideline local and regional open space plans, housing plans, and the Master Plan. The Committee may develop its own guidelines concerning Community Preservation expenditures with the active participation of other Town multiple member bodies as well as public participation. The Community Preservation Committee is a ministerial committee of the Town.

Further ORDERED that; the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Part I, Chapter 1, Article III, Section 16, Historic District Commission, A. as follows:

Section 16. Historic District Commission

- A. Term of office. There shall be a Bridgewater Historic District Committee consisting of five members. At least one of the members shall be an architect, a builder with at least five years of demonstrated historic renovation experience, or a professional educator or attorney specializing in historic preservation, who need not be a resident of the district, although preference may be given to those living or working within the District. At least one member shall be a resident of or property owner in the District. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms.

Explanation:

Both the Community Preservation Committee and the Historic District Commission have requested minor changes to provision of the Administrative Code. For the Historic District Commission, the body is requesting expansion to five members. For the Community Preservation Committee, the body requests that the Code reflect that the body is a ministerial body and not an advisory body in the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF FULL COUNCIL (5)

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rules & Procedures Committee• This measure has been duly advertised, therefore may be finally considered this evening.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3/1/21: Vote 3-0 recommend approval.



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Council Order: O-FY21-032

Introduced By: Town Manager

Date Introduced: March 23, 2021

First Reading: March 23, 2021

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Third Reading:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-032

LOAN ORDER - LOAN AUTHORIZATION CURVE STREET WATER MAIN

ORDERED, that, \$979,000 is appropriated for costs of Curve Street Water Main Loop; including without limitation all costs related thereto, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Town Manager is authorized to borrow \$979,000 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44, §8 or any other enabling legislation; that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the Project; The amount authorized to be borrowed shall be reduced to the extent of any Housing Choice Initiative (HCI) Grants or any other grants, aid, or gifts available to pay costs of the Project and that the Town Manager is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, §20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Explanation:

There is currently an 8" pipe that runs through approximately 60% of the road on Curve Street. The loop will complete the installation of approximately 1600 feet of 8" piping where there currently is no Town water available. A 150-home cluster development known as Duxburrow Estates has been permitted adjacent to Curve Street. The new development will construct their own water and sewer infrastructure but will be tying into the current Curve Street water line. The Town of Bridgewater will supplementing this project with the approved funds provided through the MA Housing Choice Initiative Capital Grant (\$225,000 AWARD) to complete the loop on Curve Street and tie to the main water line.

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