



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. To attend via video, click on the link below:

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Meeting ID: 557 654 464

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 10, 2020
- b) March 16, 2020 (Special Emergency Meeting)

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- a) Charter Review Committee

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

F. HEARINGS

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- a) Petition P-2020-008: New Common Victualler's License - Ronald John Emma, DBA Ronnie Waffles, 1400 Pleasant Street

H. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)
- b) COVID-19 and Budget Impact
- c) Memorial Building Office Space
- d) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Annual Town Election (*President Gallagher*)
 - 1. District 5 and 6 Councilor Status
- b) April 21, 2020 Town Council Meeting Time Change (*President Gallagher*)

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Ordinance D-FY20-002: General Ordinance - Dumpsters in Residential Zoning Districts
This measure is supported by the Community & Economic Development Committee as it was discussed prior to sponsorship. This measure has been duly advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered.
- b) Petition P-2020-011: Annual Town Election Warrant - Date Change - June 27, 2020

M. OLD BUSINESS - *None*

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY20-048: Acceptance of a Gift - Howard Foundation for Council on Aging (*Town Manager*)
- b) Order O-FY20-049: Acceptance of a Gift - Council on Aging (*Town Manager*)
- c) Order O-FY20-050: Home Rule Petition - Town of Bridgewater Charter Amendment - Councilor Term Limits (*Councilor Losche*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Council Petition: P-2020-008

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: April 7, 2020

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

THE GRANTING OF A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

WHEREAS, **Ronald John Emma dba Ronnie Waffles** has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a license to operate a food establishment located at 1400 Pleasant Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Emma will serve as the manager of record and the hours of operation will not exceed:

Monday - Sunday	6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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and;

WHEREAS Ronald John Emma dba Ronnie Waffles has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department’s Food Service Specifications governing the serving of food to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of Ronald John Emma dba Ronnie Waffles be granted a license to operate a food establishment within the Town of Bridgewater.

ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE - New License

APPLICANT : *Ronald John Emma dba Ronnie Waffles*

Proposed Hours: Monday - Sunday 6:00 am - 3:00 PM

Required Documents

- 1 ✓ Application
- 2 n/a Articles of Organization
- 3 ✓ Business Certificate (*issued by the Town Clerk*)
- 3 n/a Vote of the Corporate Board appointing Manager
- 4 ✓ Copy of one of the following: Lease Agreement, Purchase & Sales Agreement, or Deed
(*if property owner*)
- 5 ✓ Floor Plan
- 6 ✓ Delinquent Tax Certification
- 7 ✓ State Tax Affidavit
- 8 ✓ Workmans' Compensation Insurance Affidavit
- 9 ✓ Town Fees
 - ✓ \$100.00 - Application Fee
 - ✓ \$100.00 - License Fee

Recommendations

- 10 ✓ Tax Collector's Office
- 11 ✓ Fire Department
- 12 ✓ Police Department
- 13 ✓ Inspectional Services
- 14 Health Department

NOTES:

License to be held until final inspections are completed by the Building and Health Departments



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY20-002

Introduced By: Councilors Peter Colombotos and Timothy Fitzgibbons
Date Introduced: March 10, 2020
First Reading: March 10, 2020
Second Reading: April 7, 2020
Amendments Adopted: March 10, 2020
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY20-002

GENERAL ORDINANCE – DUMPSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

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

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Administrative Code, Chapter 160: Peace and Good Order by adding a new Article IX to read as follows:

Article IX: Screening of Dumpsters

For this section Dumpster shall mean: a waste container 1-yard or larger used for the storage or collection of solid waste and/or recyclables.

All permanent dumpsters and trash receptacle locations of 6 or more containers, and other similar uses shall be screened from the street and from public view. They may be screened through a variety of materials such as walls, fences, plantings or a combination of these materials. Said screening shall be maintained a minimum of 1 foot above the dumpster.

Temporary dumpsters and/or receptacles used during projects including, but not limited to, demolition are exempt for the length of the project.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This measure was not referred to any committee.• This measure has been advertised in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered.

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



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Council Petition: P-2020-011

Date Introduced: April 7, 2020

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to: Petition P-2020-011

2020 Annual Town Election Warrant – Date Change

WHEREAS: On March 23, 2020 the Governor signed Senate Bill No. 2608 “An Act Granting Authority to Postpone 2020 Municipal Elections in the Commonwealth and Increase Voting Options In Response to the Declaration of Emergency To Respond to COVID-19” into law;

WHEREAS: Under said law the Town Council for the Town of Bridgewater may vote on any day prior to the date of its scheduled municipal election to postpone the municipal election to a date certain on or before June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS: If the Town Council votes to postpone the municipal election a copy of Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020 along with said vote shall be placed on the official municipal website not later than 20 days before the date to which the rescheduled election has been postponed; and;

WHEREAS: The Town of Bridgewater’s Town Clerk in concert with the Town Manager and the Town of Raynham, has recommended postponing the Annual Election to June 27, 2020;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled votes to change the Annual Town Election date to June 27, 2020 as recommended; and accepts, as a matter of record, the attached updated 2020 Annual Town Election Warrant as provided by the Town Clerk.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-048

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: April 7, 2020
 First Reading: April 7, 2020
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-048

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT - HOWARD FOUNDATION FOR COUNCIL ON AGING

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 financial gift from Home for Aged Men in the City of Brockton, also known as the Howard Foundation to be expended by the Office of Elder Affairs.

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 gift of \$10,000.00 from the Home for Aged Men, also known as the Howard Foundation, to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

The Elder Affairs Director has requested and secured this additional funding assistance for senior programs. This foundation has continuously and generously supported various programs consistently over the last several years of which the Senior community is most grateful

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

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Council Order: O-FY20-049

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: April 7, 2020
 First Reading: April 7, 2020
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-049

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT - COUNCIL ON AGING

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 financial gift from an anonymous donor to be expended by the Office of Elder Affairs.

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 gift of \$10,000.00 from the anonymous donor

Explanation:

The Elder Affairs Director has accepted this generous gift of which the Senior community is most grateful

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Council Order: O-FY20-050

Introduced By: Councilor Losche
 Date Introduced: April 7, 2020
 First Reading: April 7, 2020
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-050

HOME RULE PETITION - TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER CHARTER AMENDMENT - COUNCILOR TERM LIMITS

Ordered that, the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following change to Article II, Section 2-12 (b) of the document, "Town of Bridgewater's Home Rule Charter" and submit these changes to the Town Charter to the Legislature as a Special Act, pursuant to Article 89, Section 8, with all due speed; said Special Act making changes to Bridgewater's Home Rule Charter, shall be contingent upon, and become effective only after, an affirmative two-thirds vote of the Bridgewater Town Council.

Article II, Section 2-12:

(b) Term Limits - No person shall be eligible to be elected as a member of the town council if, at any point during the term of office for which the person may be elected, the service of the eligible person would exceed 12 ~~consecutive~~ years on the town council.

Explanation:

Removal of the word "consecutive" would clarify the term limits for all.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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