

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Finance Committee

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Academy Building - 66 Central Square
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Bridgewater Finance Committee Agenda for the FinCom Meeting Convening on July 20, 2022, at 7:00 PM

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 Finance Committee 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.

Link to join meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85258131778>

Call In: 1-646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 852 581 317 78

Call to Order at 7:00PM

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 6/15/2022

Public Comment

New Business

- Order O-FY22-076: Shared Streets Grant
- Order O-FY22-077: Community Compact Fiber Grant

Old Business

Additional Items for Discussion

Adjournment of Meeting

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Bridgewater Finance Committee Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on June 15, 2022

Call to order: 7:13

Committee Members Present: Nathan Schofield, Julie Scleparis, Suzi Robinson, MJ Spagone, Rigobert Noel

Committee Members Not Present: Eric Langone, Lea Wyatt, Christopher Blunt, Kathleen Martin

Guests in Attendance: Michael Dutton – Town Manager, Anthony Sulmonte – Finance Director, Douglas Gardner

Public Comment - None

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 5/18/2022

MJ Spagone motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 5/18/22 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Order O-FY22-069: Water SDC System Development

The Town Manager is recommending an increase in the SDC (System Development Charge) for both domestic and commercial property. This charge will be assessed to customers with expanding needs or new customers that connect to the Town's water system (Water Treatment Plant(s) and Water Delivery System - Waterlines). A presentation on water rates was given by Douglas Gardner.

Suzi Robinson motioned to recommend O-FY22-069 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Order O-FY22-070: Water Rates

The Town of Bridgewater is obligated to pay the principal and interest on the previously authorized debt for the construction of the town's "New High Street Water Treatment Facility" which will be going online this coming fall.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY22-070 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

O FY22-071: End of Year Transfers

List of scheduled end of year transfers.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY22-071 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

O-FY22-072: ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT HOWARD FOUNDATION FOR COUNCIL ON AGING

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.

Suzi Robinson motioned to recommend O-FY22-072 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

O-FY22-073: Transfer Order BWPL Conservation and Preservation Historical Records - Library Project

Appropriation of \$89,310 from CPA Reserves for Historic Preservation (Account#2100-324200) for the Library Project.

Rigobert Noel motioned to recommend O-FY22-073 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

O-FY22-074: Transfer Order Stiles and Hart Parkland Improvement Project

Appropriation of \$200,000.00 from CPA Reserves for Open Space (Account#2100-324100) and \$1,100,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of \$1,300,000.00 for the Stiles and Hart Parkland Improvement Project.

MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY22-074 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting Date – 6/29

Adjourn – *July Scleparis motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 9:00 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, June 21, 2022

Council Order: O-FY22-076

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: June 21, 2022
 First Reading: June 21, 2022
 Second Reading/Hearing:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-076

SHARED STREETS GRANTS

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 Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the Shared Streets and Spaces Program.

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 \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation: The grant is for “Sidewalk and Curbing Improvements with Bridgewater State University”.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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 Date Introduced: June 21, 2022
 First Reading: June 21, 2022
 Second Reading/Hearing:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-077

COMMUNITY COMPACT FIBER GRANT

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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the inaugural round of the Community Compact Cabinet’s (CCC) new Municipal Fiber Grant program.

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 \$17,466 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to expend the grant in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation: The grant is for the costs associated with the expansion of the fiber optic infrastructure which will allow the town to connect the Bridgewater-Raynham High School and the Bridgewater Police Department.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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