



Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

August 2, 2022

6:00 PM

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A

and

Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87208154163>

(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 872 0815 4163

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

- A. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 P.M.**
- B. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**
 - a) Meeting Minutes 6/21/22
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- D. LEGISLATION FOR ACTIONS**
 - a) Order O-FY22-076: Shared Streets Grant (Town Manager)
FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 7/20/22 meeting.
 - b) Order O-FY22-077: Community Compact Fiber Grant (Town Manager)
FinCom voted 7-0 to recommend at their 7/20/22 meeting.
- E. DISCUSSION**
 - a) Final FY23 State Aid Figures
 - b) Opioid Settlement Funds
- F. ADJOURNMENT**

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 21, 2022

1. Call to Order

Councilor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Committee Members:

Councilor Wood and Councilor Gallagher were present. Councilor George was absent.

Also in attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton, Finance Director Anthony Sulmonte, Public Works Director Azu Etoniru and Consultant Doug Gardner.

2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a) May 3, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

b) May 24, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 24, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

c) June 6, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

4. Legislation Referred:

Order O-FY22-069: Water (SDC) System Development Charges (Town Manager)

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Consultant Doug Gardiner gave an update on SDC charges for the surrounding communities. Average house is 1" connection. He noted that West Bridgewater has not raised their rates since 2005 and this is only for new construction.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-069, which was duly seconded for discussion by Councilor Gallagher.

Councilor Gallagher noted that he does not want this to deter new business from coming to Bridgewater.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – No; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 1-1.

Order O-FY22-070: Water Rates (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend as in Exhibit 1, Order O-FY22-070, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Order O-FY22-071: End of Year Transfers (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-071, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Order O-FY22-072: Acceptance of Gift Howard Foundation for Council on Aging (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-072, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Order O-FY22-073: Transfer Order CPA BWPL Conservation & Preservation Historical Records – Library Project (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-073, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Order O-FY22-074: Transfer Order CPA Stiles & Hart Parkland Improvement Project (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-074, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

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5. **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

6. **Adjourn:**

Councilor Gallagher motioned to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

Meeting Minutes Submitted in Draft form By: Debra Ward



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 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 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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 Third Reading:
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 Date Effective:

Order O-FY22-077

COMMUNITY COMPACT FIBER GRANT

WHEREAS: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53A, states as follows:

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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.

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