



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

[Link to Join 08/04/2020 Town Council Meeting](#)

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

Meeting ID: 925 7662 5848

MEETING AGENDA – (*UPDATED 8/3/20)

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) July 7, 2020
- b) July 28, 2020

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

- a) Annual Reappointments
 - 1. Board of Assessors - Ronald Barron
 - 2. Board of Assessors - Milton Morris
 - 3. Elder Affairs Commission - Regina Cohen
 - 4. Conservation Commission - Eileen Prisco
 - 5. Historic District Commission – Nicholas Palmeri
 - 6. Housing Authority Board of Commissioners - Martha Shionis
 - 7. Parks & Recreation Committee - Thomas Arrighi
 - 8. Parks & Recreation Committee – Michael Flaherty
 - 9. Planning Board - Pat Driscoll
 - 10. Zoning Board of Appeals - Gerald Chipman
 - 11. Town River Fisheries - Harold Estabrooks, III
 - 12. Veterans Council - Pauline Grenier
- b) Board of Registrars – Stephen Mordas (*Late File – added 8/3/20)

F. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS - *None*

H. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Charter Review Committee

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)
- b) FY21 Revenue vs. Budget (*Standing Item*)
- c) COVID-19 Update
- d) Local Business Survey Results
- e) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

- a) Establish an Advisory Committee for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (*Councilor Gallagher*)

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- a) Petition P-2020-015: State Primary Warrant

M. OLD BUSINESS - *None*

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Ordinance D-FY21-001: General Ordinance - New Regular Agenda Item "Finance Committee Report" (*Councilor Wood*)
- b) Ordinance D-FY21-002: General Ordinance - SFI Paperwork Reduction - Creation of a SFI Short Form (*Councilor Wood*)
- c) Order O-FY21-010: Assessment of Cost of Public Improvement – First Street (*Town Manager*)
- d) Order O-FY21-011: Protect WWI Memorial (*Councilor Wood*)
- e) Order O-FY21-012: WWI Guardrail/Flagpole Repair (*Councilor Gallagher*)
- f) Resolution FY21-001: A Resolution Supporting First Responders (*Councilor Fitzgibbons*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Petition: P-2020-015

Date Introduced: August 4, 2020

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to: Petition P-2020-015

2020 State Primary Election Warrant

ORDERED: That the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, assembled accepts, as a matter of record, the attached 2020 State Primary 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.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH**

WARRANT FOR 2020 STATE PRIMARY

Plymouth County SS.

To the Constables of the Town of BRIDGEWATER

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

PRECINCTS 1,2,3,4,5,6 & 7

BRIDGEWATER MITCHELL AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, 166 MOUNT PROSPECT STREET

on **TUESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS. FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS. EIGHTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR. FIRST COUNCILOR DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT FIRST PLYMOUTH & BRISTOL SENATORIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT. EIGHTH PLYMOUTH REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT
REGISTER OF PROBATE. PLYMOUTH COUNTY
COUNTY COMMISSIONER PLYMOUTH COUNTY
COUNTY TREASURER PLYMOUTH COUNTY

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 this _____ day of _____, 2020.
(month)

Town Council of Bridgewater

Posting: Academy Building, Senior Center & Bridgewater Public Library

Online viewing: www.bridgewaterma.org

(Indicate method of service of warrant.)

_____, 2020.
Constable (month and day)

Warrant must be posted by August 25, 2020, (at least seven days prior to the September 1, 2020 State Primary).



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-001

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced: August 4, 2020
First Reading: August 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY21-001

GENERAL ORDINANCE - NEW REGULAR AGENDA ITEM "FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT"

Whereas the Charter calls for a Finance Committee to approve most budget and money related items before the Town Council can vote such item; and

Whereas the Finance Committee does not have an opportunity to routinely address the Town Council on Financial matters; and

Whereas the Finance Committee has responsibility to evaluate all of the accounting records of the Town, to recommend financial policy to the Town Council, and to explain the determination of any measure assigned to the Finance Committee by the Town Council;

Therefore, a new standing agenda item called "Finance Committee Report" shall be established between current agenda I, "Town Manager Report", and current agenda J, "Discussions". If adopted, the sequence of agenda items would be modified to allow the insert.

Explanation:

As a member of the Finance Committee, I noticed several times that relevant information for a particular measure, and recommended amendments, was never addressed at the Council level. Usually, only the vote count would be read. This item would create an opportunity for FinCom to assign a liaison to the Town Council and provide a FinCom update - if necessary - to be given to the Council directly before any legislation was adopted. This also allows FinCom to present financial policy changes it thinks would be appropriate to adopt.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Ordinance: D-FY21-002

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood
Date Introduced: August 4, 2020
First Reading: August 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Third Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY21-002

GENERAL ORDINANCE - SFI PAPERWORK REDUCTION - CREATION OF A SFI SHORT FORM

Whereas, the Charter calls for the use of the Statement of Financial Interest (SFI); and

Whereas, the Town Council established a long form for the SFI; and

Whereas, many members of boards, committees, and employees must fill out the form on a regular basis; and

Whereas the information on the Long Form may not change from one submission to another; and

Whereas it is a burden for the Town Clerk's office to manage forms that may not change;

Therefore, the Town Council establishes an SFI Short Form to be used if the personal information to be collected has not changed since the last submission.

The Short Form SFI will be a one-page summary questionnaire.

If any are answered as Yes, then the respondent must use the long form.

The questions for the Short-Form are:

1. Is this your first time you have submitted a Statement of Financial Interest form? (Yes/No)
2. Since your last report, have you received income in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000) from a business that has matters pending before, does any business with, or is subject to regulation, supervision or oversight by the agency, department, board, election commission or other city office which employs you, or over which you have administrative or legislative control? (Yes/No)
3. Since your last report, have you had any business transactions with any business in Bridgewater for which more than one percent (1%) of the beneficial ownership is held directly or indirectly by a family member? (Yes/No)
4. Since your last report, do you owe more than one thousand dollars (\$1000) to a creditor located within or doing business with the Town of Bridgewater? (Yes/No)
5. Since your last report, have you been reimbursed for any expense, aggregating more than one hundred dollars (\$100), by someone with direct interest in legislation, legislative action, or a matter before your municipal body? (Yes/No)
6. Since your last report, have you received any gifts, aggregating more than one hundred dollars (\$100), from a donor with direct interest in legislation, legislative action, or a matter before your municipal body? (Yes/No)

NOT FOR ACTION – FIRST READING ONLY

7. Since your last report, have you transferred any real property with an assessed value greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in which direct or indirect financial interest was held? (Yes/No)
8. Since your last report, has a legislative agent (a person who is compensated for acting to promote, oppose or influence local legislation) given you an honoraria aggregating more than one hundred dollars (\$100)? (Yes/No)
9. Since your last report, has any creditor voluntarily forgiven a debt of over one thousand dollars (\$1,000)? (Yes/No)
10. Since your last report, have you taken a leave of absence from any business, or returned from a leave previously reported? (Yes/No)
11. Since your last report, have you transferred any business equity to a member of your family? Equity is defined as any stock, interests in capital or profits and losses, or similar ownership interest in any business. (Yes/No)
12. Since your last report, have you had any commercial or business transaction worth two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) or more between any municipal official and you? (Yes/No)

Explanation:

At least annually, every committee, board, and other listed individuals must submit a six page SFI form, often with no changes from the previous one. This legislation is intended to condense that submission to a one page form that can be used when nothing has changed since the last report. The estimated cost savings to the Town is hundreds of dollars annually.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-010

Introduced By: Town Manager
Date Introduced: August 4, 2020
First Reading: August 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-010

ASSESSMENT OF COST OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT - FIRST STREET

ORDERED, in accordance with Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Town Code, and Chapter 80 of Massachusetts General Laws, that the Town Council assembled vote to adopt the attached Order of Assessment of cost for public improvements of First Street.

Explanation:

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 80 Section 1, the Town Council after completion of the improvement must determine the value of such benefit and assess upon each parcel thereof a proportionate share of the cost of such improvement. The Town Council shall in the order of assessment designate as the owner of each parcel the person who was liable to assessment therefor on the preceding January first under the provision of chapter fifty-nine and certify such list to the Board of Assessors which is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth, ss

Office of the Town Manager
Town of Bridgewater

ORDER FOR ASSESSMENT OF BETTERMENTS OF FIRST STREET

Pursuant to Chapter 260, Article XVI, of the Bridgewater Massachusetts Town Code, this Order of Assessment of Betterments is made after the Vote of Bridgewater Town Council, of the Town of Bridgewater, Council Order: O-FY20-046 on February 25, 2020, for betterments to be assessed for improvements to the way, known as First Street. The betterment includes a full depth reconstruction, drainage repair & installation and repaving of the entire roadway from Elm Street to the cul-de-sac of First Street, stormwater collection and conveyance conduits and appurtenant structures for stormwater runoff collection and disposal. Construction of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer main and appurtenances and approximately 500 linear feet of sewer force main and related appurtenances.

The Town Council , under the power and authority conferred upon them by Chapter 260, Article XVI of the Bridgewater Massachusetts Town Code and Chapter 80 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby state that the total cost of the betterments is \$846,405, and we hereby assess a proportion of the cost to each parcel of land as in the list of abutters described on (Exhibit B) attached hereto.

APPROVED

Town Council,

DATED

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth, ss

On this day of _____ 2020, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____

_____,
as Town Council Members for the Town of Bridgewater, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____, to be the person whose names are signed on the preceding document in my presence and acknowledged to me that they signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public

My commission expires _____



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-011

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
Date Introduced: August 4, 2020
First Reading: August 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-011

PROTECT WWI MEMORIAL

Whereas the Southern End of the Common sustained significant damage when hit by a vehicle; and

Whereas the WWI monument is now unprotected from possible damage due to another vehicle strike:

Therefore, be it Ordered; the Town Manager will establish a barrier to protect the monument from potential risk.

Explanation:

A vehicle hit and destroyed the column and rail barrier that protected the WWI monument from risk. The monument is now exposed to another accident which may irreparably damage the monument. Even a temporary concrete barrier is better than nothing until a permanent solution can be established.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Order: O-FY21-012

Introduced By: Councilor Gallagher
Date Introduced: August 4, 2020
First Reading: August 4, 2020
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-012

WWI GUARDRAIL/FLAGPOLE REPAIR

WHEREAS; The guardrail in Central Square providing protection to the WWI Memorial was damaged and subsequently removed leaving the memorial exposed, it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to direct the Town Manager to repair the stone guardrail to its original form and condition prior to the accident.

FURTHER ORDERED, that the Town Manager address and have repaired the damaged flagpole.

Explanation:

Months have gone by and no repairs have been done. Regardless of what future changes may take place around the Common, we should at least make this presentable by repairing it to how it was before the damage.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY21-001

Introduced By: Councilor Fitzgibbons

Date Introduced August 4, 2020

First Reading: August 4, 2020

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Resolution R-FY21-001

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FIRST RESPONDERS

Whereas, the Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments have performed in an exemplary manner in an unprecedented global pandemic;

Whereas, the Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments have consistently performed their jobs in a manner to make the community proud;

Now therefore, the Bridgewater Town Council resolves that the Town thanks the members of the Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments for their efforts in these stressful times;

And Further Resolved, the Town will support the Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments as they work to maintain our community's quality of life now and in the future.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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