

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL



Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Agenda

Committee Members:

*William Wood, Chair
District 6 Councilor*

*Dennis Gallagher, Member
At-Large Councilor*

*Tim Fitzgibbons
District 2 Councilor*

Location: Academy Building
66 Central Square
Room 201A
Bridgewater, MA

**Date &
Time:** September 3, 2019
6:45 p.m.
Agenda

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes:
 - July 8, 2019
 - August 6, 2019
- C. Legislation Referred:
 - Order O-FY19-057: Directing the Town Manager to Create a Special Reserve Fund
 - Order O-FY20-014: Transfer Order - High Street Dam & Bridge Preliminary Work
 - Order O-FY20-015: Acceptance of a Gift - Bridgewater State University
 - Order O-FY20-016: Acceptance of a Gift - Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board
 - Order O-FY20-017: Loan Order - Mitchell Elementary School Project
- D. Public Comment
- E. Adjourn

- A.

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Council Order: O-FY19-057

Introduced By: Councilor Fitzgibbons
Date Introduced: May 7, 2019
First Reading: May 7, 2019
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY19-057

DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CREATE A SPECIAL RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the Academy Building is a recently renovated building and a great asset to the Town.

WHEREAS, ongoing maintenance is essential to the preservation and long-term upkeep of the building.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled vote to direct the Town Manager to establish a separate reserve fund for said maintenance on the Academy Building.

Explanation:

The town should always have an identified source of funds for expensive and ongoing large maintenance projects.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-014

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: August 6, 2019
 First Reading: August 6, 2019
 Second Reading/Public Hearing: September 3, 2019
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-014

TRANSFER ORDER - HIGH STREET DAM & BRIDGE PRELIMINARY WORK

ORDERED, in accordance with Section 6-4 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter, that the Town Council assembled vote to transfer and appropriate the following funds for the purposes as intended:

Source of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
CAPITAL STABILIZATION	80105-596110	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 45,000.00
Total:			\$ 45,000.00
Use of Funds	Account No.	GL Account Description	Amount
PRELIM DESIGN WORK	10123220-584000	Professional Services	\$ 45,000.00
Total			\$ 45,000.00

Explanation: The Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration from the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, in conjunction with numerous state, federal, and non-governmental organizations are partnering up for Town River Restoration and Dam and Bridge redesign and restoration projects. This appropriation for the Preliminary Design Services will match other funds to complete this design work.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget & Finance Committee Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/3/19: 8/19/19: Postpone pending additional information.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-015

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: August 6, 2019
 First Reading: August 6, 2019
 Second Reading: September 3, 2019
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-015

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT - BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY

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 Bridgewater State University to be expended by the Roadways Department, the Police Department and the Fire Department;

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 \$55,000.00 from Bridgewater State University to expend the gift in accordance with stated purpose thereof.

Explanation:

Bridgewater State University has donated monies to be distributed equally between the Fire, Police, and Roadways Departments. These funds may be expended without further appropriation. Acceptance of this gift will allow the town to expend the funds for their stated purpose as part of the University’s Municipal Aid initiative with the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget & Finance Committee Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/3/19: 8/19/19: Vote 5-1 recommend approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-016

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: August 6, 2019
 First Reading: August 6, 2019
 Second Reading: September 3, 2019
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-016

ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT - MASSACHUSETTS STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

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 reimbursement payment for \$892.61 for the Re-grant Program relating to the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board and the National Historical Publications & Records Commission gift from the Secretary of State’s Office, William Francis Galvin.

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 \$892.61

Explanation:

As the Town continues to undergo its Digital Documentation Program, this particular grant fit into the ongoing projects and will offset some of the supply costs in the Town Clerk’s office in particular.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget & Finance Committee Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9/3/19: 8/19/19: Vote 6-0 recommend approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 3, 2019

Council Order: O-FY20-017

Introduced By: Town Manager
 Date Introduced: August 6, 2019
 First Reading: August 6, 2019
 Second Reading/Public Hearing: September 3, 2019
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY20-017

LOAN ORDER - MITCHELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT

Ordered:

That the Town hereby approves the \$81,000,000 borrowing authorized by the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of demolition of the current Mitchell Elementary School located at 500 South Street, and the construction of a new school located on the same site, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-five and sixty-three hundredths percent (55.63%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any vote hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, s. 21C (Proposition 2½); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance Committee • Finance Committee • This measure has been duly advertised for a public hearing in the Enterprise and on the Town's website, therefore may be finally considered at the conclusion of the hearing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/3/19: • 8/19/19: Vote 4-1-1 recommend approval.