

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

## Finance Committee

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Julie Scleparis  
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Suzi Robinson  
Christopher Blunt  
MJ Spagone  
Rigobert Noel  
Kathleen Martin



Academy Building - 66 Central Square  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

### **Bridgewater Finance Committee (FinCom) Minutes for the FinCom Meeting that Convened on January 12, 2022**

#### **Call to order: 7:00**

**Committee Members Present:** Eric Langone, Lea Wyatt, Christopher Blunt, MJ Spagone, Suzi Robinson, Kathleen Martin, Rigobert Noel

**Committee Members Not Present:** Nathan Schofield, Julie Scleparis

**Guests in Attendance:** Anthony Sulmonte – Finance Director, Azu Etoniru – DPW Director, Jonas Kazlauskas – Highway Director, Michael Dutton – Town Manager, Michelle Rota – Finance Department, Laurie Guerrini – Finance Department,

**Public Comment** – No public comment.

#### **Approve of Meeting Minutes – 12/1/2021**

*MJ Spagone motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 12/1/2021 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

#### **New Business**

##### **Order O-FY22-033 Loan Order - For Upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The OPM, Helen Gordon, spoke to the committee on the loan order recommended to the FinCom. A presentation that included the history of wastewater treatment, expected costs, and possible funding options was shown to the committee. The expected total cost of the upgrade would be \$40,000,000. Funding for the loan would be generated from a tiered user system with principle forgiveness and state aide are also expected to offset the cost of the upgrade.

*Christopher Blunt motioned to recommend O-FY22-033 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

##### **Order O-FY22-034 Acceptance of Non-Recurring Revenue to Capital**

*Kathleen Martin motioned to recommend O-FY22-034 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

##### **Order O-FY22-035 Contractual Buyouts**

*Christopher Blunt motioned to recommend O-FY22-035 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

### **Order O-FY22-036 Acceptance of Donation to Fire Department**

*MJ Spagone motioned to take O-FY22-036 out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Christopher Blunt motioned to recommend O-FY22-036, which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

### **Order O-FY22-037 Acceptance of Donation to Fire Department – Chuckran Auto Parts**

*MJ Spagone motioned to recommend O-FY22-037 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

### **Order O-FY22-038 Capital Plan Order**

Finance Director Anthony Sulmonte reviewed the revised Capital Plan Order with the committee and discussed the reasons behind several of the capital changes. Committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions before a vote of recommendation was called.

*Kathleen Martin motioned to recommend O-Fy22-038 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 2 nay the motion was approved.*

### **Old Business**

#### **Resolution R-FY22-004: Resolution for Oak Street Bridge Repair**

*MJ Spagone motioned to take R-FY22-004 out of order which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Councilor Wood spoke to the committee regarding the resolution he is sponsoring to repair the Oak Street bridge. He has asked that the FinCom work with the Town Manager and Finance Department to look into possible grants to cover the cost to repair and bring the bridge up to state requirements. The committee will look to hold the resolution as "Old Business" to further discuss and develop with the Town.

#### **Order O-FY22-024: Acceptance of Wild and Scenic Taunton River Stewardship Council Grant**

*Kathleen Martin motioned to recommend O-FY22-024 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*

#### **Next Meeting Date – 2/9/2022**

**Adjourn** – *Christopher Blunt motioned to adjourn the meeting of the FinCom at 9:24p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.*