

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 24, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Erik Moore, Chair of the Rules & Procedures Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Councilor Erik Moore, District 1 (Chair)	X	
Councilor Shawn George, District 3	X	
Councilor Frank Sousa, District 7	X	

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 1/27/22** - A motion to approve was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Moore – YES. Councilor Sousa – YES.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

C. Discussions

- None.

C. LEGISLATION REFERRED

- **Ordinance D-FY22-002 Bridgewater Town Charter Amendment Correction of Typographical and Punctuation Errors**

Councilor Moore noted that since there were so many changes and a better approach is needed it might be better if this Ordinance was returned to Town Council with a motion from the subcommittee to not recommend. After some discussion, Councilor George and Councilor Sousa were in agreement and feel that a better way to make these changes needs to be discussed.

Councilor George made a motion to not recommend Ordinance D-F22-002, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The Ordinance will be sent back to Town Council.

- **Ordinance D-FY22-004 Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Elected Officials, Library Trustees**

Councilor Moore noted that there were concerns regarding consistency in naming, hiring rights of the Trustees and the financial powers of the Trustees.

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After some discussion, it was decided that Councilor Moore would reach out to the Town Attorney for more information and also invite the Town Attorney and a representative from the Library Trustees and Charter Review Committee to attend the next meeting.

A motion to “postpone to the next scheduled meeting date” was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The ordinance will remain in committee for future consideration.

- **Ordinance D-FY22-005 Bridgewater Town Charter “Town” to “City” Amendment**

A motion to not recommend and send back to Town Council was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The ordinance will be sent back to Town Council.

F. ADJOURN

Councilor George made a motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa. A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Rules & Procedures Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on Thursday, April 14, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted, by a Roll Call vote 3-0.