



CALL TO ORDER:

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Edward Haley called the meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:30 pm, on June 5, 2018 in the Academy Building Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Francis Sousa, Peter Colombotos, William Wood, Edward Haley, Fred Chase, Shawn George, Aisha Losche, and Timothy Fitzgibbons. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

ABSENT:

- Councilor Dennis Gallagher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 22, 2018

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Losche. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilors George and Colombotos not present).

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT - None

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM - No citizens came forward

APPOINTMENTS

- Plymouth County Advisory Board Member – Edward Haley

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor to appoint Councilor Edward Haley to Plymouth County Advisory Board Member. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilors George and Colombotos not present).

- Plymouth County Advisory Board Alternate – Dennis Gallagher

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to appoint Councilor Dennis Gallagher to Plymouth County Advisory Board Alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilors George and Colombotos not present).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to take agenda item G: License Transactions out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS (*Taken out of order.*)

- Petition P-2018-008: Granting of Three (3) One-Day Alcohol and Entertainment Licenses – Portuguese Holy Ghost Society of Bridgewater

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: Councilor Wood and Sousa spoke in favor of the event.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilors George and Colombotos not present).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to take agenda item N: New Business out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.



Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

NEW BUSINESS (*Taken out of order.*)

- Order O-FY19-007: CPA Reserve Accounts FY2019

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer items a) – d) to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: At President Haley's request, Mr. Dutton briefly explained each order.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

- Order O-FY18-044: Declaring Town Property Available for Lease
Referred to Budget & Finance and Finance Committees per motion above.
- Order O-FY18-045: End of Year Transfers
Referred to Budget & Finance and Finance Committees per motion above.
- Order O-FY18-046: Ratification of American Tower Lease Agreement
Referred to Budget & Finance and Finance Committees per motion above.
- Resolution R-FY18-005: Amend September 2018 Meeting Date

President Haley read the resolution for the record (document included in materials).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to keep this measure at the council level. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to take agenda item K: Subcommittee Reports out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor George.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: (*Taken out of order.*)

- Budget & Finance Committee: Councilor Wood advised, the Budget & Finance Committee met this evening. The Committee took no action on the Free Cash Policy. There is a Transfer Order for Sick Time Buy Back; which will probably be on next Town Council agenda as the Finance Committee has not met yet.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to take Town Manager's Report out of order. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0 (Councilor Gallagher absent, Councilor Colombotos not present).

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (*Taken out of order.*)

Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Mr. Dutton noted, going forward he will most likely answer questions if he has a clear and accurate answer, otherwise he will take questions and follow up. Items of note in the Town Manager's report included: The town has been designated a housing choice community, which is great news. It shows all the work we've been doing on affordable housing and gives the town a leg up on future grants. Mr. Dutton briefly spoke about two remaining ZBA 40B housing hearings: Duxburrow Estates off Curve Street and Burrill Place Apartments. He noted; with the approval of Claremont VIVA project, we have reached our 10% threshold, however any active hearings must still move forward. The Town is migrating to Office 365. Mr. Dutton spoke about the Roadways Department spring road work which includes Bridge Street, Spruce Street drainage project and Cherry Street paving. The Mitchell School Building Committee Representatives and MSBA chose Raymond Design as their top choice for design architect. The State has put a 55.63% reimbursement rate on our project which means work related to the project is reimbursable to us at 55.63%. Mr. Dutton noted there are some costs which are ineligible for the reimbursement. The Town is close to a final agreement with a planning consultant and planning attorney to work on the comprehensive re-zoning initiative. The town received a grant for municipal vulnerability preparedness. Student Government Day was hosted last



Thursday with the Bridgewater-Raynham Students. Mr. Dutton thanked the Councilors who participated. Finally, Mr. Dutton noted; committee re-appointments are scheduled for later in June and named several committees with vacancies.

Councilor Questions:

- Councilor Colombotos asked about funding for the spring roadways projects asking if we think about a debt exclusion? Mr. Dutton responded we're going to go through an internal planning process to look at every road and put prices to that and make it available to council and public. Councilor Colombotos noted the Summer Street sidewalks are in great need of repair.
- Councilor Sousa also noted; the sidewalk on main street into West Bridgewater is also terrible
- Councilor George asked if Mr. Dutton had any more clarity on funds going back to CPC for the McElwain? Mr. Dutton responded; there is no requirement that they have to pay back the CPC; however, he will be sending a more thorough memo on the funding.
- Councilor Wood stated he would be interested in learning more about the East Bridgewater trash program.

Return to Regular order of business - Hearings

HEARINGS -

- **7:40 p.m.: HEARING:** Order O-FY18-039: Transfer Order - Capital Transfer: BRRSD Capital Request - Elevator Repairs

President Haley opened the hearing at 7:57 p.m.

President Haley read the committee dispositions.

Mr. Dutton explained; the school district incurred a sizable bill to repair an elevator which is critical to their operation. They referred the invoice to us with a request to reimburse. This measure satisfies that request.

President Haley invited any questions from the public – None

President Haley asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - None

President Haley asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None

President Haley entertained any questions from councilors - None

President Haley closed the hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche.

Discussion: Councilor Wood noted; Budget & Finance Committee and Finance Committee both fully supported this measure.

A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:

Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – ABSENT; Haley – YEA; Chase – YEA; George - YEA; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 8-0.

PRESENTATIONS - None

DISCUSSIONS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Sousa: No comments
- Councilor Colombotos: Is really concerned about roads and sidewalks. We need to have them in decent shape if we want to have a good quality of life and attract business. He is not sure why these projects weren't bonded or funded through some type of debt exclusion.
- Councilor Wood: Congratulated the BR Graduating class of 2018, their parents, administration, school committee.
- Councilor Gallagher: Absent
- Councilor Chase: Noted Crispi's received accolades for the evening of dining they hosted. It was hosted for families with members who have autism.



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- Councilor George: Echoed Mr. Wood's comment about graduation. He thought it was great. Student Government Day was also great, and it was nice to see the kids get so much out of it. Mr. George would like to see us be more efficient with technology, referencing the paper meeting materials.
- Councilor Losche: Thanked everyone who helped with the parade. Wished Happy Pride Day to the LBGTQIA community. Mrs. Losche encouraged all who are on committees to hold meetings. Mrs. Losche spoke about her opinion of the budget. She expressed that the by the time the budget is before the Council for a final vote, they should be prepared. Discussions should be happening in committee and ironing out issues such as level funding the schools. Finally, she noted the Planning Board & Community & Economic Development Committee have hearings scheduled for 6/20/18.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons: Echoed Mr. George's comments about Student Government day. Mrs. Maccord does a great job coordinating the school side. The kids were all very interested and engaged. Mr. Fitzgibbons encouraged all colleagues to participate in Student Government Day. Thanked all who participated in the parade noting the Veteran's agent does a great job. It's always a moving event.
- Councilor Haley: Expressed condolences to the family of Mr. Gates and held a moment of silence. President Haley stated June 7th begins Music Alley. There's a great season planned. Would like to see some of these committee vacancies filled

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *No Executive Session was held.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Losche. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Holmberg

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2018, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted by a voice vote (7-0) (Councilor Gallagher abstained, Councilor Colombotos not present).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk