

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** **Meeting Date: June 6, 2022**

#### **A. Call to Order**

Councilor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

#### **Committee Members:**

Councilor Wood and Councilor Gallagher were present. Councilor George was absent.

Also in attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton and Consultant Doug Gardner.

#### **B. Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

#### **C. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

None

#### **D. Legislation Referred:**

##### **Order O-FY23-006: CPA Reserve Account – FY2023** (*Town Manager*)

Town Manager Dutton gave a brief update on Order O-FY23-006.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY23-006, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

##### **Order O-FY22-069: Water (SDC) System Development Charges** (*Town Manager*)

Town Manager Dutton gave a brief introduction on the order and Consultant Doug Gardner further explained the process.

Discussion: Councilor Gallagher would like to know what is being charged now and what surrounding towns charge. Want to attract businesses, needs more comparison.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to keep Order O-FY22-069 at committee level and have it on the next agenda, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

Councilor Wood noted that the next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 6:00p.m. prior to the Town Council meeting.

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## **Order O-FY22-070: Water Rates (Town Manager)**

Consultant Doug Gardner gave an update on the water rates changes. 24% increase, 1,501 to 10,000 cubic feet is a higher rate and up to 1,500 cubic feet pays less. No discounts to apartments, colleges, etc. The more you use the higher the fee. If you consume no water your bill would be \$25. These rates operate the budget.

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to keep Order O-FY22-070 at committee level and have it on the next agenda, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 2-0.

## **E. Adjourn**

Councilor Gallagher motioned to adjourn the meeting which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – Yea; Wood – Yea. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on June 21, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.