



**CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being duly present, Town Council President Shawn George called the special meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council to order at 7:00pm, on July 28, 2020 via Zoom©.

**PRESENT:**

Council members present via Zoom© were, Timothy Fitzgibbons, Peter Colombotos, Francis Sousa, Matthew Rushton, Shawn George, William Wood, Fred Chase, Aisha Losche and Dennis Gallagher. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

**ABSENT:** *No Councilors were absent*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence was held for all who have passed since the last meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - *None*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT** - *None*

**PROCLAMATIONS** - *None*

**CITIZENS OPEN FORUM** - *None*

**APPOINTMENTS** - *None*

**HEARINGS** -

- 7:05 p.m.: Order O-FY21-008: Transfer Order - Capital Appropriation for Highway Barn  
President George opened the hearing at 7:05 p.m.  
President George read committee dispositions and legislation history:  
President George invited any questions from the public – *None*  
President George asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - *None*  
President George asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - *None*  
President George entertained any questions from councilors:
  - Councilor Wood asked for an update on the use of the building. Mr. Dutton explained the building has only been used for storage of the LED Streetlight conversion materials. Prior to 2012 the building hadn't been used for anything substantive.

President George closed the hearing at 7:08 p.m.

**Motion:** Councilor Chase made a motion to approve which was duly seconded.

**Discussion:** Councilors Wood and Gallagher expressed support for the measure. At Councilor Colombotos' request, Mr. Dutton clarified the meaning of ancillary improvements, explaining the tentative demolition cost is \$68,000, but could change a little. When the crafted order they also applied for a grant. Councilor Colombotos suggested keeping the improvements simple and not locking us into any one thing yet.

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

Fitzgibbons – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Rushton – YEA; George – YEA; Wood – YEA; Chase – YEA; Losche – YEA; Gallagher - YEA. The motion passed 9-0.

- 7:10 p.m.: Order O-FY21-009: Transfer Order - Capital Appropriation for School Funding  
President George opened the hearing at 7:14 p.m.  
President George stated the committee dispositions legislation history. He noted it does require an amendment and confirmed with the Town Attorney the process is to consider the amendment once the hearing is closed.  
President George invited any questions from the public – *None*  
President George asked if there was anyone speaking in favor - *None*  
President George asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - *None*  
President George entertained any questions from councilors - *None*  
President George closed the hearing at 7:16 p.m.

**Motion:** Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve which was duly seconded.



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 Meeting Minutes  
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**Motion:** Councilor Fitzgibbons made a motion to amend as presented which was duly seconded.

**Discussion:** None

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

Gallagher – YEA; Losche – YEA; Chase – YEA; Wood – YEA; George – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion to amend passed 9-0.

A roll call vote was taken on the main motion to approve with results recorded as follows:

Fitzgibbons – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Rushton – YEA; George – YEA; Wood – YEA; Chase – YEA; Losche – YEA; Gallagher - YEA. The motion to approve as amended passed 9-0.

**LICENSE TRANSACTIONS** - None

**PRESENTATIONS** - None

**TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT** - None

**DISCUSSIONS** - None

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS** - None

**LEGISLATION FOR ACTION** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Mr. Ivaldi, 10 Boxwood Lane: Mr. Ivaldi made several comments in response to Councilor Wood’s Councilor Comments during the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- Councilor Fitzgibbons: None
- Councilor Colombotos: None
- Councilor Sousa: None
- Councilor Rushton: None
- Councilor Wood: Spoke about Styles and Hart meeting last week. There is a working group and will be looking for volunteers. The Property on Broad Street will be before the Planning Board. It creates a unique opportunity for revitalization. Mr. Wood spoke about his request to present to the Charter Review Committee as a former Rules & Procedures Committee member.
- Councilor Chase: None
- Councilor Losche: None
- Councilor Gallagher: None
- Councilor George: Mr. George does not want to have to hold a special meeting next year for the same purpose.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – No Executive Session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilor Fitzgibbons made a motion to adjourn which was duly seconded.

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

Gallagher – YEA; Losche – YEA; Chase – YEA; Wood – YEA; George – YEA; Rushton – YEA; Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 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, August 4, 2020, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted by a Roll Call vote (9-0)**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Ann M. Holmberg  
 Town Council Clerk