

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



## OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

### **Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes** **Meeting Date: August 2, 2022**

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

Councilor Gallagher called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. The meeting was held in conference Room 201A at the Academy Building and also via Zoom.

#### **Committee Members:**

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

Also in attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton.

#### **B. Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

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

a) June 21, 2022

*The meeting minutes could not be voted on because Councilor George was not at the June 21, 2022 meeting and Councilor Wood was absent at the August 2, 2022 meeting.*

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

##### **Order O-FY22-076: Shared Streets Grant (Town Manager)**

A brief discussion was conducted.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-076, which was duly seconded for discussion by Councilor Gallagher.

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

##### **Order O-FY22-077: Community Compact Fiber Grant (Town Manager)**

Town Manager Dutton noted that the region was all connected and eventually will connect to BSU.

Councilor George made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-077, which was duly seconded by Councilor Gallagher.

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

**E. Discussion:**

a) Final FY23 State Aid Figures

Councilor Gallagher noted that Bridgewater gained \$230k plus prison money and asked if anything was needed that was not in the supplemental budget. Town Manager Dutton noted that there was nothing currently pressing and there were open positions trying to fill.

Councilor George asked Town Manager Dutton if there was some extra monies, would he go to the department heads and ask if they have any requests. Town Manager Dutton noted that there were no outrageous asks.

b) Opioid Settlement Funds

Councilor Gallagher noted that opioid funds would be money used for residents in the town. Wanted to know if treatment was needed can someone ask for funds if they couldn't afford the treatment. Believes the issue should be brought to Town Council and talk about how to use.

**6. Adjourn:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm

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 September 13, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.