



Town of Bridgewater
Town Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 7, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

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

PRESENT:

Council members present were, Francis Sousa, Peter Colombotos (arriving at 7:31), William Wood, Dennis Gallagher, Fred Chase, Aisha Losche, and Timothy Fitzgibbons. Town Manager Michael Dutton and Town Attorney Jason Rawlins were also present.

ABSENT:

- President Ted Haley
- Councilor Shawn George

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was held for all veterans who have passed including:

- Howard B. Larsen
- Timothy J. Lehane

**Vice President Gallagher reminded all that the meeting is being aired live and recorded.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 26, 2018

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

Discussion: None

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

- July 10, 2018

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

Discussion: None

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

- Vice President Gallagher announced; the Next Town Council meeting is being held 9/11/18, which is a change from the original date of 9/4/18.

PROCLAMATIONS - None

CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

- Kim Chartier, 1110 High Street: Ms. Chartier would like to know if they can opt out of the smart meter project. She does not want the smart meter due to possible health issues. She contacted the water department to ask about the product and was not satisfied by the response. Ms. Chartier cited several areas of concern with the smart meters. Ms. Chartier provided the Council Clerk with materials (included with materials).
- Peter Sotera, 31 Fieldstone Circle: Mr. Sotera is very concerned about the smart meter project and not getting more information about them. He referenced information obtained via internet and spoke about his daughter's bill which was \$300 more than her neighbor.

APPOINTMENTS - None

HEARINGS -

- a) **7:35 p.m.:** Order O-FY18-043: Transfer Order – Capital Transfers



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Vice President Gallagher opened the hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Mr. Dutton spoke about the capital transfers itemizing where the funds would be expended.

Vice President Gallagher noted the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees both recommend approval.

Vice President Gallagher invited any questions from the public – None came forward.

Vice President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor – None came forward.

Vice President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.

Vice President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:

- Councilor Sousa asked what's being done with the money for the trees and how will it be maintained? Mr. Dutton responded; that line item is pertaining to a council request to replace dead trees with new ones.

Vice President Gallagher closed the hearing at 7:44 p.m.

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood pointed out this is another good example of the use of the Capital Stabilization fund.

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

Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.

b) **7:40 p.m.:** License Revocation Hearing: Skips Liquors

Vice President Gallagher read MGL procedure information

Vice President Gallagher read Pertinent parts of the letter

Vice President Gallagher opened the hearing at 7:46 p.m.

Vice President Gallagher asked the licensee to approach podium and explain the violations.

Yogi Patel came forward and explained; he knows we've gone through severe problems in getting the business open, however they are very close to being open. He stated they needed one or two more days, then will be ready for final inspection. Mr. Patel provided pictures to Council. He further explained; tomorrow the gas meter will be installed. The electrical inspector was there today and made a few suggestions. The majority of the work will be done by Friday and he would like to start bringing the product in on Monday.

Vice President Gallagher asked Councilors for questions:

- Councilor Wood recapped the history of requests made by the Council for information from the licensee. He then stated; the best use of the license isn't to be stagnant for five years. He reminded Mr. Patel that last December he promised an opening of end of March and that didn't happen. At this point the town needs to get serious about when the license is going to be used. Mr. Wood wondered if maybe the rush in construction is because we called this hearing. Mr. Patel responded; they would like to petition the town for the license, so he can start opening accounts with suppliers and scheduling deliveries for when the final inspections are complete. Councilor Wood then asked the Town Manager for a status on the inspections. Mr. Dutton did not have the status off hand but will check with Building Inspector but does know the project is coming to a close.
- Councilor Sousa asked if any of the inspections had been scheduled. Mr. Patel asked his Electrical Contractor; Joe Morrisson came forward and explained; the fire alarm will be programmed tomorrow morning and the Fire Department will come in Thursday to sign off. The Wire Inspector was in today and had a couple of corrections but opening at the beginning of the week isn't unrealistic.



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- Councilor Fitzgibbons referenced Mr. Patel's pictures asking a variety of questions about each. Mr. Morrisson confirmed it was a fully sprinklered building. Mr. Patel answered Mr. Fitzgibbons' questions stating he will be installing the cooler and the ceilings will be finished tomorrow. Councilor Fitzgibbons asserted; if they commit to it being complete and it doesn't happen, he will call for an emergency hearing of the Council. Mr. Patel responded; the only thing they cannot control is if the inspectors come up with something additional needing correcting.
- Councilor Wood asked if the second floor complete? Mr. Patel confirmed it was complete and the second coat of paint is pending. Mr. Patel's contractor, Gabrielle Arroudy came forward explaining all trim is in place – everything is done on the second floor. They only have to put the steps on tomorrow morning and touch up paint. Councilor Wood followed up asking when the railing go on the ramp and if paving was complete. Mr. Arroudy responded; the railings will go on within next three days. Mr. Patel confirmed only the striping needed completion. Councilor Wood asked if they were certain you're at the end of this project and going to open? Mr. Arroudy responded; yes. Finally; Mr. Wood expressed his opinion that the Town Manager's office should not allow the license to be released early to bring product in.

Vice President Gallagher asked the Licensee for closing statements:

Mr. Patel stated; if you hold the license for the final occupancy permit, that will increase the time he has to wait to open the doors. Councilor Wood suggested; perhaps continuing the hearing to the next meeting on the condition that upon final inspections, the license can be released, and business can move forward.

Councilor Fitzgibbons reminded the Council that we're here to decide if we want to revoke the license. He is not convinced this will be completed by the end of the week and agrees with Mr. Wood that nothing can be done until all final permits are issued. Councilor Colombotos clarified that if the Council decides to hold the license, then there will certainly be a week lag. He then asked Mr. Patel to clarify what would happen if they had the license in hand tomorrow. Mr. Patel responded; if they had the license by tomorrow, can start filing applications with suppliers and placing orders. However, until have the occupancy permit, can arrange to have delivery held.

Vice President Gallagher closed the hearing at 8:18 p.m.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to find there was a violation. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: Councilor Fitzgibbons stated that doesn't mean we have to revoke the license, but by not opening, there was a violation. Councilor Wood stated there have been a number of correspondences with no action. A certified letter was returned to the Town. At Councilor Colombotos' request, Attorney Rawlins confirmed that finding the terms of the license were violated doesn't mean we have to revoke the license.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to require a roll call vote. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Colombotos in the dissent)

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

Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.

Councilor Wood confirmed with Mr. Dutton that it was the Town's intent to hold the license until the Certificate of Occupancy was issued.

Vice President Gallagher outlined the possible actions now that the Council has found a violation occurred.



A brief discussion followed Councilors asked questions of the Town Attorney relative to the possible actions and discussed the potential delay of opening by holding the license.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to modify the license to make the release contingent on the Certification of Occupancy being signed off by the Town. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

Discussion: Councilor Wood stated his opinion that they should wait for the occupancy permit and make sure it's all finished.

Point of Order: Attorney Rawlins informed the Council that he had just been made aware that it may be that a temporary Certificate of Occupancy is issued for the bottom level (where the business will be run) and the Certificate of Occupancy may not issue. He suggested the council may want to add a caveat regarding a temporary Certificate of Occupancy versus the full building Certificate of Occupancy.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Colombotos to amend the main motion to wait to release the license when the Certificate of Occupancy on the first floor. The motion was seconded for discussion by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

Discussion: Councilor Colombotos stated his opinion that he's not so concerned with the upstairs being delayed. Councilor Fitzgibbons stated he was very concerned if the upstairs is going to continue to be worked on as the Petitioner just finished explaining everything was going to be set for Monday. Mr. Fitzgibbons feels the Petitioner is not being honest. He will be opposing the amendment. Councilor Colombotos asked Mr. Dutton if the town receives property taxes? Mr. Dutton responded; the town assesses what's done on January 1st of every year. Councilor Wood pointed out the Council just heard from the Petitioner that it's just touch-up work remaining upstairs; so he's not sure why a temporary would be issued.

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

Fitzgibbons – NAY; Losche – YEA; George – ABSENT; Chase – NAY; Haley – ABSENT; Gallagher – YEA; Wood – NAY; Colombotos – YEA; Sousa - NAY. The motion to amend failed 3-4.

Discussion (cont'd on main motion): Councilor Colombotos asserted Mr. Patel has every incentive to open and he does not see any reason to delay the opening further. Councilor Losche agreed the license should be held; but stated her opinion that mistakes had been made on both sides. Councilor Gallagher stated he didn't really see the value in issuing the contingency as the Town Manager has already stated his intent to hold the license until a Certification of Occupancy has been issued. He further pointed out the Council meets again 9/11, stating; if the store is not open by the, he will be much more inclined to revoke the license.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Colombotos to move the question. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Fitzgibbons in the dissent)

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

Sousa – NAY; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – NAY; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – NAY; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 4-3.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Wood to apply a warning and put on the agenda another revocation hearing on 9/11/18. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chase.

Discussion: Councilor Wood explained his intent is to let Mr. Patel to finish his business, get the license when the work is finished and open his business, but the business fails to open, we will have the opportunity to hold a new hearing to revoke the license.

A voice vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

- **7:50 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING** - Petition P-2018-014: Amend Alcohol License - Greyhound Group LLC, dba Greyhound Tavern - Change of Manager of Record and Transfer of Stock

Vice President Gallagher opened the hearing at 8:40 p.m.

Attorney Ed Gildea, representing Greyhound Group, LLC came forward and explained the timeline of events

Vice President Gallagher invited any questions from the public – None came forward.

Vice President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in favor – None came forward.



Vice President Gallagher asked if there was anyone speaking in opposition - None came forward.

Vice President Gallagher entertained any questions from councilors:

- Councilor Chase recounted announcements he had heard of Mr. Pallerbo's appointment as new manager back in May, however the Town Council was not aware of the change. He further outlined the timeline of his inquiries since May asking why it is now before the Council in August. Mr. Gildea responded; it did take a while to process the paperwork. Councilor Chase noted the date is missing from corporate consent. Attorney Gildea responded; that's because the date is on the contracts.

Vice President Gallagher closed the hearing at 8:47 p.m.

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

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

- Petition P-2018-015: Licensing of Automatic Amusements In Establishments without Alcohol - Shahara Baillageron DBA Oh Baby/The Cave
The Petitioner came forward and explained she is making the location a gaming facility.

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood wished the petitioner good luck.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

PRESENTATIONS – None

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Losche to defer the Town Manager's report. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

DISCUSSIONS - None

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS - None

LEGISLATION FOR ACTION

- Order O-FY19-008: Transfer Order – Sewer Reserve Capital Special Purpose

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

Discussion: None

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

Fitzgibbons – YEA; Losche – YEA; George – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Gallagher – YEA; Wood – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Sousa - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-009: Transfer Order – Water Reserve Capital Special Purpose

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood briefly recounted the discussion within the Budget & Finance Committee, noting they voted to recommend approval.

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

Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-010: Contract Ratification - Police Association

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

Discussion: Councilor Wood thanked the bargaining unit for the work they do, noting the contract looked good. Councilor Fitzgibbons acknowledged the officers present this evening.

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



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Fitzgibbons – YEA; Losche – YEA; George – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Gallagher – YEA; Wood – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Sousa - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-011: Acceptance of a Gift - Bridgewater State University
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.
Discussion: Councilor Wood thanked BSU for their generous gift and pointed out the breakout for use. Councilor Fitzgibbons echoed Mr. Wood’s sentiments; noting for the record the gift amount is \$55,000.
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.
 - Order O-FY19-014: Transfer Order – Funding for Property Appraisal for 46 Summer Street and 38 South Street
**8:57 p.m.: Councilor Colombotos recused himself and left the room.*
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Wood. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons.
Discussion: Councilor Wood provided a brief explanation of the amount.
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Fitzgibbons – YEA; Losche – YEA; George – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Gallagher – YEA; Wood – YEA; Colombotos – RECUSED; Sousa - YEA. The motion passed 6-0.
**8:59 p.m.; Councilor Colombotos returned to room.*
 - Petition P-2018-016: State Primary Petition
Vice President Gallagher read the election warrant.
Motion: A motion to approve was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.
Discussion: Councilor Wood asked Attorney Rawlins; if the council fails to approve, would the election be in jeopardy? Attorney Rawlins responded; no, but there would be other legal actions.
A roll call vote was taken with results recorded as follows:
Sousa – YEA; Colombotos – YEA; Wood – YEA; Gallagher – YEA; Haley – ABSENT; Chase – YEA; George - ABSENT; Losche – YEA; Fitzgibbons - YEA. The motion passed 7-0.
- OLD BUSINESS**
- Ordinance D-FY18-017: Zoning Ordinance – Amend Zoning Bylaw 11.10 Zoning Board of Appeals Membership
Vice President Gallagher read the dispositions of the Community & Economic Development Committee and Planning Board. Both committees did not recommend this measure.
Community & Economic Development Committee Chair, Colombotos explained this measure wasn’t warranted and the committees didn’t see the value in increasing the membership. Councilor Sousa, as the sponsor, spoke about fact that the reputation in town isn’t good. Councilor Colombotos pointed out he served on the ZBA for three – four years and found the board was very amenable to approving variances. Regarding the point about being business friendly, Councilor Colombotos thinks we’re trying to fix that by the zoning overhaul. Councilor Losche pointed out the committees had concerns adding more people to boards where we already have trouble filling seats.
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Losche to table the measure indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilor Colombotos.
Discussion: None
A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 5-1 (Councilor Sousa in the dissent, Councilor Fitzgibbons not present, Councilors Haley and George absent).
 - Ordinance D-FY18-018: Zoning Ordinance – Amend Zoning Bylaw 7.4 Signs
Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Losche to table indefinitely. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chase.



Discussion: Councilor Losche asked if this is tabled indefinitely, will they be able to look at it with the zoning overhaul? Attorney Rawlins responded, "yes". Councilor Sousa explained his rationale for sponsoring the measure. Councilor Colombotos noted; this topic will be included in the comprehensive overhaul of the zoning. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-1 (Councilor Sousa in the dissent).

- Ordinance D-FY19-001: Zoning Ordinance Amend Section 19, Mixed Uses CBD of Zoning Bylaws
Vice President Gallagher read committee dispositions supporting the measure.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to approve for advertising. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to amend as indicated. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: Community & Economic Development Director, Jennifer Burke came forward and provided background for the proposed changes, noting the objective is that the town should be in control and the developers would have to refocus their projects towards what the town wants to see. Ms. Burke walked through the amendments pointing out the addition of special permit criteria, which she noted, should be in all the zoning. Ms. Burke then explained the changes to the density allotment which allows for bonus density based on criteria which enhance the property and district. The amendments reduce the lot size and setback requirement to zero and establish design guidelines.

Councilor Fitzgibbons and Councilor Colombotos thanked Ms. Burke for the work put into this and walking through the changes.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion to amend as indicated passed 7-0.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion to approve for advertising, as amended, passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- Order O-FY19-015: Transfer Order - Capital Transfer - LED Light Conversion
Mr. Dutton briefly explained the order.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-016: Transfer Order - Sewer & Water Reserve Special Purpose for Loan Paydown
Mr. Dutton explained this order is mostly a housekeeping provision.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-017: Transfer Order - Town Manager Special Account to Capital Funds
Mr. Dutton explained this is also mostly a housekeeping item.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

- Order O-FY19-018: Transfer Order - Appropriation for Street Assessment

Mr. Dutton explained this transfer will be used to fund the study we're currently doing on the street and sidewalk condition. This will also pay for the first year of a software system to track all the improvements we make.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilor Fitzgibbons to refer to the Budget & Finance and Finance Committees. The motion was seconded by Councilor Wood.

Discussion: None

A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT (*deferred per motion above*)



Mr. Dutton reported on information about various activities happening around town and highlighted meetings and events. Items of note included: Mr. Dutton will be asking for funding for full-fledged traffic design study downtown pursuant to the Downtown Revitalization Plan and will be suggesting the Council adopt an ordinance to regarding repairs to private ways. This will be necessary for the First Street sewer project. There was a typographical error in the American Tower Lease order, which needs correcting and explained; the ratification legislation cited 20 years but should have been 49 years. Mr. Dutton spoke about the town-wide rezoning which is underway. He spoke about the two committees: The Zoning Recodification Committee and the Comprehensive Plan Committee. Mr. Dutton spoke briefly about interns from BSU and BR who would be joining us this summer. Mr. Dutton provided an update on paid parking stating the vendor is Laz Parking. A Thanksgiving weekend roll out is planned; however, there will be a lot of communication before that. We will be hosting presentation from Susan Connelly on affordable housing 9/5/18. An update was given on the MSBC; Mr. Dutton explained the MSB requires looking at alternate sites, which is being done. Finally, Mr. Dutton noted Councilor George has supplied a number of people interested in committees and listed committees where there are still vacancies. Mr. Dutton then showed a video and photos of the sewer lines.

Councilor Questions:

- Councilor Wood asked if the town had a mechanism to ask homeowners to trim corner shrubs at various intersections on private property? Mr. Dutton responded he believes there is. Councilor Wood then asked for information on a survey about downtown? Mr. Dutton responded; it is not specific to downtown. There is a survey through the Strategic Planning consultant. Finally, Councilor Wood asked if parking on School Street remain open until the paid parking program is implemented? Mr. Dutton confirmed that was correct.
- Councilor Colombotos asked if there has been any development on relocating the central fire department? Mr. Dutton responded; not to the point of putting together a committee., though we have asked the Fire Chief to put together a committee to look at options available. Then we will ask for funding for a feasibility study. Councilor Colombotos asked if a bike path is on the radar on School Street? Mr. Dutton responded; a bike lane is part of the plan. Finally, at Councilor Colombotos' request, Mr. Dutton provided an updated on the two buildings the town is looking to clear out: Spring Street Garage and Town Hall. In Town Hall, we will be removing everything except the files.
- Councilor Fitzgibbons requested the Town Manager send an email to Town Council about the safety of water meters. Mr. Dutton agreed and noted; the meters have been very well vetted.
- Councilor Gallagher asked when we can we see a report on year-end finances. Mr. Dutton responded it should be available shortly. Regarding the McElwain; Mr. Gallagher asked for clarification on when the town will receive money from the P&S Sale? Mr. Dutton explained; the P&S gave an outside date of 2021. It's likely the closing date will be sooner than that. The P&S process is much different than for a home. They have to have site control before they can apply for the funding. Mr. Gallagher asked about "subplantation". Mr. Dutton responded; that's when the town votes funds that then come back to the town into its general fund. When these funds come back to the town they have to come into the capital stabilization. Mr. Dutton has asked special council to get a written opinion from DOR.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Councilor Sousa: Mr. Sousa is disappointed. He thinks the zoning problem in town is just getting worse and the ordinances he sponsored could have helped.
- Councilor Colombotos: Mr. Colombotos; responding to Mr. Sousa's comments stated; Bridgewater has experienced tremendous growth. We were without a Planner off and on. The Tow is doing something different for the first time with Ms. Burke and the re-zoning. He then spoke about all the attributes of the Town.
- Councilor Wood: No comments
- Councilor Chase: Wished everyone an enjoyable end of summer.
- Councilor George: Absent
- Councilor Losche: Thanked everyone for the lively discussion and thanked Mr. George for encouraging volunteers.



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- Councilor Fitzgibbons: To follow up on Mr. Colombotos' comments about town growth; last year Mr. Fitzgibbons found a League of Women Voter's pamphlet from 1969 and there were fewer registered voters in the town than there are school children in town today. He thanked Mr. Wood for adding another revocation hearing for Skips on 9/11.
- Councilor Haley - Absent
- Councilor Gallagher: Hopes Skips is opened before or by the next meeting. He noted the Council does not meet again before 9/11.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *No Executive Session was held.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Losche. The motion was seconded by Councilor Fitzgibbons. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 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, September 11, 2017, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted by a voice vote (8-0) (Councilors Haley and George abstained).
A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk