

Town of Bridgewater

Town Council

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-001

Introduced By:	Councilor Colombotos
Date Introduced	March 17, 2015
First Reading:	March 17, 2015
Second Reading:	April 7, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	April 7, 2015
Date Adopted:	May 8, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-001

Creation of Affordable Housing

Whereas roughly 6.3% of the Town's housing stock is listed as affordable under the Commonwealth's Subsidized Housing Inventory; and that M.G.L. 40B mandates that 10% of a town's housing stock be affordable under state guidelines;

Whereas the Town accepted a Housing Production Plan in 2012 that includes specific goals and outlines strategies for reaching the 10% state requirement in a way that is consistent with the Town's wants and needs;

Whereas there is currently over \$500,000 available exclusively for affordable housing in the Town's Community Preservation Fund, with other discretionary funds also available;

Whereas the hiring of an Housing Coordinator will provide professional staff to manage housing initiatives;

Whereas the Town Council has endorsed the Bridgewater Downtown Community Development Master Plan of 2014, which recommends the development of affordable housing as outlined in the Housing Production Plan;

Resolved that the Town Council urges the Town Manager to encourage, facilitate or otherwise bring to pass the creation of affordable housing consistent with the Town's 2012 Housing Production Plan.

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, April 7, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (6-0) (Councilor Wright not present, Councilors Norris and Pitta absent).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-002

Introduced By:	Councilor Colombotos
Date Introduced	March 17, 2015
First Reading:	March 17, 2015
Second Reading:	April 7, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	April 7, 2015
Date Adopted:	April 7, 2015
Date Effective:	May 8, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-002

Downtown Community Development Master Plan—

Feasibility of Implementing Traffic Circulation and Parking Improvements

Whereas, there have been several fatal or near-fatal pedestrian injuries sustained in the downtown area in the past few years; and the area is generally unsafe, inefficient, and unappealing for pedestrians of all ages;

Whereas, businesses in the downtown area have not thrived as they could;

Whereas, parking needs are not adequately served in the downtown area;

Whereas, the Town will soon be vulnerable to 40B affordable housing development that is unsuited to its location and is otherwise inconsistent with the Town's wants and needs;

Whereas, the [Town Council](#) has endorsed the [Bridgewater Downtown Community Development Master Plan](#) of 2014 (*The Downtown Plan*), that addresses all of the aforementioned challenges;

Whereas, addressing improving traffic circulation and parking is central to the overall success of the Downtown Plan; and that implementation of the other elements of the plan seems to be progressing;

Whereas, implementation of the circulation and parking improvements recommended by the Downtown Plan would require an appreciable investment by the Town, and therefore should be first evaluated for feasibility;

Whereas, the last significant traffic study performed in the town center was in 2002.

Whereas, there has been significant growth both Town-wide and at the University in the past several years.

Resolved, that the Town Council urges the [Town Manager](#) to explore the feasibility of implementing the recommendations within the Bridgewater Downtown Community Development Master Plan that relate to traffic circulation and parking. Such an investigation shall include--but not be limited to--a rigorous traffic study that considers the impact of implementing the recommendations upon the town as a whole. The Town Manager shall report findings of the feasibility report to the Council.

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, April 7, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (6-0)(Councilor Wright not present, Councilors Norris and Pitta absent).

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Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-004

Introduced By:	Councilor William Rivers and Councilor Peter Colombotos
Date Introduced:	June 23, 2015
First Reading:	June 23, 2015
Second Reading:	September 8, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	September 8, 2015
Effective Date:	October 9, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-004

COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater seeks to promote public health, and protect general welfare, and;

Whereas, in October 2014 the Town Council approved a Downtown Revitalization Plan for increasing residential density and creating economic development opportunities, and;

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires community Complete Streets policies to pursue and receive infrastructure grant funding, e.g. MassWorks and Transportation Improvement Program, for, and;

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater seeks to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle circulation throughout the community and downtown especially, and;

Whereas, road systems should reflect the needs of all users including walkers, cyclists, motorists, commercial users and transit, and;

Whereas, road improvements and maintenance must adhere to the standards of the Americans with Disability Act protecting the rights of people of varying abilities, and;

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater seeks to promote transit use and facilitating transportation links to the Bridgewater State University campus, and;

Whereas, the Town of Bridgewater fosters alternate modes of transportation to increase parking opportunities;

Therefore be it resolved the Council of the Town of Bridgewater supports the integration of the Complete Streets Policy into the planning, design and implementation of infrastructure creation, maintenance and improvement.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Referred to Community & Economic Development Committee• Referred to Planning Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8/24/15: Vote recommend approval (2-0)• 8/24/15: Unanimous vote to recommend approval.

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 8, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0) (1 Council vacancy).

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Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 6, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-005

Introduced By: Town Manager (at the request of the Fire Chief)
 Date Introduced: September 22, 2015
 First Reading: September 22, 2015
 Second Reading: October 6, 2015
 Amendments Adopted: None
 Date Adopted: October 6, 2015
 Effective Date: October 6, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-005

ADOPTION OF FEMA HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater, with the assistance from the Old Colony Planning Council, has gathered information and prepared the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 C.F.R. 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the action in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bridgewater(insert the name of the governing body) has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Town Council that the Town of Bridgewater adopts the Old Colony Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction’s Hazard Mitigation Plan, and resolves to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October, 2015 at the meeting of the Town Council.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• No Committee Referrals	

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, October 5, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (7-0).

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk

VOICE VOTE



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-006

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood
 Date Introduced: October 6, 2015
 First Reading: October 6, 2015
 Second Reading: October 20, 2015
 Amendments Adopted: October 20, 2015
 Date Adopted: October 20, 2015
 Effective Date: November 20, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-006

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES - 2016

WHEREAS: The Bridgewater Town Council Rules and Procedures, Section III Meetings states, "The Town Council will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the months of June, July and August, the Council will meet monthly on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday"; and

WHEREAS: Adoption of this Resolution, establishes regular meeting dates which are an exception to the aforementioned rule; and

RESOLVED: The following dates are established as regular meetings for the calendar year 2016 and regular meetings will be held either in the Academy Building, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA or at BTV Studios, 80 Spring Street, Bridgewater MA, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

January 5, 2016	June 21, 2016*
January 19, 2016	July 12, 2016*
February 2, 2016	August 2, 2016
February 23, 2016*	September 6, 2016
March 8, 2016*	September 20, 2016
March 22, 2016*	October 4, 2016
April 5, 2016	October 18, 2016
April 26, 2016*	November 1, 2016
May 10, 2016*	November 15, 2016
May 24, 2016*	December 6, 2016
June 7, 2016	December 20, 2016

*Exceptions to Section III of the Council Rules and Procedures are noted with an asterisk.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• No referrals	N/A

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, October 20, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0) (1 Council vacancy).

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Ann M. Holmberg
Town Council Clerk



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Council Resolution: R-2015-007

Introduced By:	Councilors Wood
Date Introduced:	October 6, 2015
First Reading:	October 6, 2015
Second Reading:	October 20, 2015
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	October 20, 2015
Effective Date:	November 20, 2015

Resolution #R-2015-007

BRIDGEWATER'S FY 2017 BUDGET POLICY GUIDELINES

WHEREAS: The Town Council established orderly steps for the FY17 Budget creation process; and

WHEREAS: The Town Manager delivered a high-level overview of the FY17 Budget to the Town Council; and

WHEREAS: The economic outlook for FY17 continues to be uncertain, and a cautious approach to the budget is warranted; and

WHEREAS: Budget guidelines and Council priorities are beneficial to constructing the FY17 budget for effective Budget management.

RESOLVED: Pursuant to establishing guidelines and priorities for the Town Manager to develop the Annual Budget, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following Policy Guidelines for the Town Manager to use in creating the FY17 Budget:

The Town Council is adopting these budget policy guidelines pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. Based on these guidelines, the Town Manager will develop budgetary goals and the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2017.

ONGOING BUDGET PRACTICES

In preparing the budget for FY17, the Town Manager should continue to use the following budget practices:

- Continue the Town's efforts within all departments to obtain grant funding from federal, state, and other sources, including the implementation of a college internship program.
- Continue the Town's efforts to maximize the use of Chapter 90 monies to expand upon the road repair program started in FY12 and updated in FY16.
- Review the possibilities and cost implication of contracted services vs. staffing in various departments and to eliminate overtime whenever practical.
- Continue to enhance the Town's website and use other technologies as cost effective means for delivering information and services, increasing public awareness, and encouraging public feedback.

FINANCIAL POLICIES

The first and foremost goal of the FY17 budget must be to continue to build undesignated fund balances and to build reserves for Stabilization. The budget should be constructed to anticipate positive Free Cash which will

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enable the Town greater budgetary flexibility in future years, and will continue to enhance the Town’s bond rating. At the same time, the budget should maintain Town services.

Revenue:

- The Tax Levy is governed by statute and has a high confidence for receipt. For FY17 budget planning purposes, spending shall use 100% of the anticipated Tax levy amount after accounting for the appropriate overlay amount reduction.
- Given the uncertain economic forecast, New Growth projections shall be limited to \$300,000.
- Local Receipts are highly influenced by economic conditions and forecasts. Therefore, for FY17 planning purposes, spending shall be limited to 85% of FY15 actual values per revenue classification plus 85% of the last three fiscal years of actual prison mitigation revenue.
- Downward adjustments to specific local receipt line items should be made to any line item where actual receipts increased by more than 25% between FY14 and FY15.
- Revenue from State Aid should be the numbers used in the Cherry Sheet estimates released March 1. If no FY2017 Cherry Sheets are available, use the final FY2016 Cherry Sheet values.
- General Fund revenues from Ambulance Receipts should be limited to \$1.0 million.
- Grants may be used to calculate revenue if allowed by the terms of the grant.

Expenses:

- Expect that the Plymouth County Retirement assessment paid by the General Fund will increase by approximately \$175,000.
- Identify all employees and their salary costs. Include written summaries of all initiatives greater than maintenance with the breakdown of expenditures and FTEs.
- The budget should consider impact of fixed costs including health insurance, retirement, sick leave buyback, transportation, and other costs and should be treated on a consistent basis with all departments including the schools.
- Submit FY17, and expenditure projections for FY18 with the primary purpose of proving sustainable services for the entire community over multiple years. The projection should also reflect FTE information for all departments.
- Provide and include maintenance budgets for FY17 for all departments including schools.
- Provide a summary of settled union contract impacts to payroll costs for FY17 and FY18.
- Each department’s budget should be broken down into three categories: payroll costs, regular expenditures, capital expenditures. Estimated allocation of health benefit costs and pension assessments should be provided.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to Budget & Finance Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/20/15: Vote 3-0 recommend approval.

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, October 20, 2015, to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0) (1 Council vacancy).

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