



BRIDGEWATER TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

[Link to Join 01/19/2021 Town Council Meeting](#)

To attend via phone, dial: 1(646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 961 2765 2064

MEETING AGENDA

Joint Meeting with the Town Manager, Finance Committee and
School Committee Chair (or designee)

Disclosure: Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Bridgewater Town Council will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Facebook Live.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) January 5, 2021

B. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

C. PROCLAMATIONS

D. CITIZEN OPEN FORUM

E. APPOINTMENTS

a) Finance Committee – *Nathan Schofield (Re-Appointment)*

b) Historical Commission – *Matthew Casey*

F. HEARINGS - *None*

G. LICENSE TRANSACTIONS

a) Petition P-2021-002: Annual Renewal - Common Victualler's - (No Alcohol)

b) Petition P-2021-003: New Common Victualler's License - J & K Restaurant, dba King Garden, 220 Winter Street

H. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

I. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

a) Mitchell School Update (*Standing Item*)

b) COVID-19 Update

c) FY2022 Budget (*Standing Item*)

d) Central Square Design and Traffic Design

e) Items for Next Meeting:

J. DISCUSSIONS

a) **Joint Meeting with Town Manager, Finance Committee and School Committee Chair (or Designee)**

b) District 5 Vacancy – *Councilor George*

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

L. LEGISLATION FOR ACTION - *None*

M. OLD BUSINESS – *None*

N. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Order O-FY21-029: Place an Advisory Question on the April 24, 2021 Town Election Ballot (*Councilor Wood*)

O. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Q. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R. ADJOURNMENT



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Council Petition: P-2021-002

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: January 19, 2021

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

THE LICENSING OF COMMON VICTUALLER ESTABLISHMENTS

WHEREAS, Two (2) licensees operating at the locations in the Town of Bridgewater require authorization to continue the operation of its establishments; and

WHEREAS, Common Victualler licenses are subject to renewal annually; and

WHEREAS, Requisite inspections have been satisfactorily completed by the Building Inspector and Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Tax Collector's Office has submitted its recommendation for the renewal candidates; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with consideration of no adverse recommendations being received from the Building Inspector, Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 4 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petitions, as submitted, and that the individual applicants be granted a license to continue its operation as a Common Victualler for a period of one year - January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

***The list of licensees requesting approval is attached. ***

ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE RENEWALS – 2021

	NAME & ADDRESS	HOURS OF OPERATION	All Documents, Fees, & Inspections Received – Unless Noted Below
1)	J's Flying Pizza 815 South Street	Tuesday – Thursday: 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Friday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
2)	Bridgewater Girls Softball League 45 Crescent Street	Monday – Friday: 3:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	
3)			
4)			
5)			



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Council Petition: P-2021-003

Date Introduced/Public Hearing: January 19, 2021

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Relative to:

THE GRANTING OF A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

WHEREAS **J&K Restaurant LLC dba King Garden** has submitted all applicable documentation as required for a license to operate a food establishment located at 220 Winter Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Konghui Chen will serve as the manager of record and the hours of operation will not exceed:

Monday - Friday	11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday	11:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

and;

WHEREAS **J&K Restaurant LLC dba King Garden** has complied with the requirements of the Town of Bridgewater and applicable state laws inclusive of the Building Code, Fire Codes and Health Department’s Food Service Specifications governing the serving of food to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Bridgewater Town Council, acting as the Legislative body of the Town has such licensing authority and with the affirmative recommendation of the Bridgewater Building Inspector, Fire, Police, and Health Departments who have oversight authority, it appears that the public good so requires such license be granted;

The Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 140 - section 2 and section 6 respectively of the Massachusetts General Law (M.G.L.), in Town Council assembled approve the petition of J&K Restaurant LLC dba King Garden be granted a license to operate a food establishment within the Town of Bridgewater.

VOICE VOTE REQUIRED



Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Council Order: O-FY21-029

Introduced By: Councilor Wood
 Date Introduced: January 19, 2021
 First Reading: January 19, 2021
 Second Reading:
 Amendments Adopted:
 Third Reading:
 Date Adopted:
 Date Effective:

Order O-FY21-029

PLACE AN ADVISORY QUESTION ON THE APRIL 24, 2021 TOWN ELECTION BALLOT

WHEREAS, The Town Council may vote to place “nonbinding public opinion advisory questions on local ballots” pursuant to M.G.L. c. 53, Section 18A; and

WHEREAS, there has been a clear shift of public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana in recent years; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion question does not change the current zoning or ban; and

WHEREAS, a nonbinding advisory opinion in the form of an election ballot question is a highly accurate method for polling the registered voters of Bridgewater:

THEREFORE, be it Ordered, that a non-binding advisory opinion question be placed on the April 24th Town Election Ballot with a Yes or No response available in this form:

“This non-binding question will not change any current zoning or general ordinances but serves to inform the Town Council of current public opinion.

Will the public support allowing the existing Medical Marijuana Dispensaries to apply for an Adult Use Marijuana Retailer License?”

Explanation:

Recent changes in many States and at the Federal level show that public support for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana has changed significantly since the Town Council enacted a ban against Retail Marijuana Shops. It is very difficult to measure the current opinion in the Town of Bridgewater through Social Media or other methods. This method, allowed by law, will accurately inform the Town Council of current public opinion without changing any current laws.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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