



Town of Bridgewater Budget & Finance Committee

September 13, 2022

6:15 PM

Academy Building

66 Central Square

Conference Room 201A, 2nd Floor

MEETING AGENDA

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) 6/21/22 Meeting Minutes
- b) 8/2/22 Meeting Minutes

C. Public Comment

D. Legislation Referred

- a) Order O-FY23-008: Transfer Order - Capital Leasing Obligations (*Town Manager*)
Budget & Finance meeting on 9/13/22 prior to Town Council meeting. At their 8/31/22 meeting, Finance Committee voted 5-0 to recommend.

E. Public Comment

F. Adjournment of Meeting

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Budget & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 21, 2022

1. Call to Order

Councilor Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00PM.

Committee Members:

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

Also in attendance: Town Manager Michael Dutton, Finance Director Anthony Sulmonte, Public Works Director Azu Etoniru and Consultant Doug Gardner.

2. Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a) May 3, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

b) May 24, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 24, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

c) June 6, 2022

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 3, 2022, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

4. Legislation Referred:

Order O-FY22-069: Water (SDC) System Development Charges (Town Manager)

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Consultant Doug Gardiner gave an update on SDC charges for the surrounding communities. Average house is 1" connection. He noted that West Bridgewater has not raised their rates since 2005 and this is only for new construction.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-069, which was duly seconded for discussion by Councilor Gallagher.

Councilor Gallagher noted that he does not want this to deter new business from coming to Bridgewater.

Roll-call vote was taken with the results recorded as follows: George – Absent; Gallagher – No; Wood – Yea. The motion passed 1-1.

Order O-FY22-070: Water Rates (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend as in Exhibit 1, Order O-FY22-070, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

Order O-FY22-071: End of Year Transfers (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-071, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

Order O-FY22-072: Acceptance of Gift Howard Foundation for Council on Aging (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-072, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

Order O-FY22-073: Transfer Order CPA BWPL Conservation & Preservation Historical Records – Library Project (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-073, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

Order O-FY22-074: Transfer Order CPA Stiles & Hart Parkland Improvement Project (Town Manager)

Councilor Gallagher made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-074, which was duly seconded by Councilor Wood.

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

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5. **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

6. **Adjourn:**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

Meeting Minutes Submitted in Draft form By: Debra Ward

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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.

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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

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