



Town of Bridgewater
Community and Economic Development Committee

September 20, 2022

7:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89889028275>

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

Meeting ID: 898 8902 8275

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through 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 Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) June 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Order O-FY23-012: Let the Voters Decide (*Chase and Wood*)
- E. Public Comment**
- F. Adjournment of Meeting**

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Community and Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: June 30, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Peter Colombotos, Chair of the Community and Economic Development Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, noted committee members in attendance and confirmed enough members are present to constitute a quorum. The meeting was conducted in-person and via Zoom and is available via YouTube.

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Councilor Peter Colombotos, District 5 (Chair)	X	
Councilor Fred Chase, District 4	X	
Councilor William Wood, District 6	X	

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Hanson, Pleasant Street: Noted that selling raw milk would allow people to get back into the milk industry. Would like the opportunity to sell raw milk.

Janet Hanson, Pleasant Street: Raw milk is not sold in stores and people are interested in buying.

LEGISLATION REFERRED

- a) Order O-FY22-056: Raw Milk

Councilor Colombotos read the order and noted potential public health issues.

Councilor Chase noted that there is nothing the town needs to do, the farm needs to go through the State for a Certificate of Registration. The Hansons are free to start the process.

Councilor Wood read through some regulations and noted there are strict guidelines.

Councilor Wood made a motion to move Order O-FY22-056 back to council without a recommendation, which was seconded by Councilor Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Colombotos – No, Chase - Yes, Wood - Yes. The motion passed 2-1.

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b) Order O-FY22-057: Order of Taking

Councilor Wood noted that this was the corner of Wall Street and High Street, changing the curve as part of the Bridge Project.

Councilor Wood made a motion to recommend Order O-FY22-057, which was seconded by Councilor Chase.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Colombotos – Yes, Chase - Yes, Wood - Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

c) Resolution R-FY22-010: Acknowledgment of the Acceptance of Remediation Waste as Marilyn’s Landing Land Reclamation Project

Councilor Colombotos noted that this was given consent and MassDEP would oversee the project.

Attorney Donald Nagle (McDonald Industries) was also on the zoom meeting and noted that this was off of Route 106, next to the closed Halifax landfill. Project includes land between Bridgewater and Halifax.

Councilor Chase made a motion to recommend Resolution R-FY22-010, which was seconded by Councilor Wood.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Colombotos – Yes, Chase - Yes, Wood - Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

D. ADJOURN

Councilor Wood made a motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Chase.

A roll call vote was taken, and the results were recorded as follows: Colombotos– Yes, Chase - Yes, Wood - Yes. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Meeting minutes being submitted in draft form by Town Council Clerk Debra Ward.



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilors Chase and Wood
Date Introduced: 9/13/2022
First Reading: 9/13/2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Order O-FY23-012: Let the Voters Decide

WHEREAS, a non-binding vote held in April 2021, showed that the Town of Bridgewater supports allowing the retail sale of recreational marijuana in Bridgewater; and

WHEREAS, Retail Sales of Marijuana would bring tax dollars to Bridgewater in the form of local taxes; and

WHEREAS, M.G.L Chapter 94G, Section 3, (a)(3), restricts local control from creating Zoning Ordinances or By-Laws to (i) prevent the conversion of a medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 engaged in the cultivation, manufacture, or sale of marijuana products to a marijuana establishment engaged in the same type of activity under this chapter ; and

WHEREAS, the voters should have a direct binding decision in allowing the medical marijuana treatment centers to convert to retail or not:

THEREFORE, be it Ordered, that a question be placed on the next Special or Regular Town Election Ballot with a Yes or No response available in this form:

"Should the Town of Bridgewater adopt the following Amendment to its Town Ordinances, adding to Chapter 160, Article VII Prohibition of Marijuana Establishments:

"Section 2: Exception

A medical marijuana treatment center licensed or registered not later than July 1, 2017 that has been continuously engaged in the cultivation, manufacture or sale of marijuana or marijuana products to marijuana establishments engaged in the same type of activity under Massachusetts General Laws shall be permitted to convert to a "Marijuana Retailer" as defined under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 1. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section (2)(iii) there shall be no more than two (2) possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers.

"Marijuana retailer" is defined as an entity licensed to purchase and deliver marijuana and marijuana products

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from marijuana establishments and to deliver, sell or otherwise transfer marijuana and marijuana products to marijuana establishments and to consumers.

Explanation:

1. This will allow the voters of Bridgewater a direct decision in a binding Ordinance change;
2. This Ordinance will allow the conversion of the two existing medical marijuana facilities to marijuana retailers;
3. Marijuana retailers can directly sell, deliver or otherwise transfer marijuana or marijuana products to consumers; and
4. This Ordinance limits the number of possible conversions of medical marijuana treatment centers to marijuana retailers to two (2).

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CEDC and Rules & Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•

Attachments: None