



Town of Bridgewater **Rules and Procedure Committee**

September 22, 2022

7:00 PM

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

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Meeting ID: 852 9329 5654

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) July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- C. Public Comment**
- D. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Order O-FY23-012: Let the Voters Decide
- E. Adjournment of Meeting**

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 28, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Chase, Chair of the Rules & Procedures Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Councilor Chase, District 4 (Chair)	X	
Councilor Fred Sousa, District 7	X	
Councilor Peter Colombotos, District 5		X

Councilor Moore was also in attendance.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

C. LEGISLATION REFERRED

- **Ordinance D-FY22-025: General Ordinance Chapter 50 Buildings Article II. Naming of Town Buildings and Facilities (Moore)**

Councilor Moore noted residents asked him what the process was to name a new school and he could not find anything so he created this order. Researched other towns and the State. Wording clarifies what Town assets can be named. Person should be deceased unless funded the building.

Councilor George made a motion to not recommend Ordinance D-F22-002, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The Ordinance will be sent back to Town Council.

Councilor Sousa noted that running up against with School Committee. May fall within their perview. Suggested citizens input, meeting or two for public to weigh in.

Councilor Chase agreed that it should be open to wider body for input. Suggested putting committee in place of procedure, include who and the number of people.

Councilor Moore will edit the order and gather more information. Once that is completed, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss.

Councilor Sousa made a motion to continue until Councilor Moore gathers more information, which was duly seconded.

A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: Chase – YES, Sousa – YES, Colombotos – Absent. The motion passed 2-0.

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F. ADJOURN

Councilor Sousa 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: Chase – YES, Sousa – YES, Colombotos – Absent. The motion passed 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Meeting minutes are being submitted in draft form by: 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