

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



OFFICE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

Rules & Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 27, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Erik Moore, Chair of the Rules & Procedures Committee, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Committee Member	Present	Not Present
Councilor Erik Moore, District 1 (Chair)	X	
Councilor Shawn George, District 3	X	
Councilor Frank Sousa, District 7	X	

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- **Approval of meeting minutes from 1/5/22** - A motion to approve was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Moore – YES. Councilor Sousa – YES.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Carlton Hunt: Believes that there is an overuse of “city” in the document and suggested “hereafter called Bridgewater” be added.

C. Discussions

- The Councilors continued discussion on approaches for the charter changes. Additional research is needed. Councilor Moore will request that discussion be put on an upcoming Town Council agenda so that overall approach and ability to help can be addressed.

C. LEGISLATION REFERRED

- **Ordinance D-FY22-002 Bridgewater Town Charter Amendment Correction of Typographical and Punctuation Errors**

Committee Chair Moore once again suggested that this be postponed until R&P completes all other changes.

A motion to “postpone to the next scheduled meeting date” was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The ordinance will remain in committee for future consideration.

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- **Ordinance D-FY22-004 Bridgewater Town Charter Article III, Elected Officials, Library Trustees**

The committee members discussed the ordinance and determined that additional information was needed concerning consistent naming and apparently conflicting responsibilities with other aspects of the charter.

A motion to “postpone to the next scheduled meeting date” was made by Councilor Sousa, seconded by Councilor George, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The ordinance will remain in committee for future consideration.

- **Ordinance D-FY22-005 Bridgewater Town Charter “Town” to “City” Amendment**

Councilor Moore noted that he requested that the discussion of “City” vs “Town” be put on the 2/1/22 Town Council meeting.

A motion to “postpone to the next scheduled meeting date” was made by Councilor George, seconded by Councilor Sousa, and passed by a 3-0 roll call vote as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The ordinance will remain in committee for future consideration.

F. ADJOURN

Councilor George made a motion to Adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilor Sousa. A roll call vote was taken and the results were recorded as follows: George – YES, Sousa – YES, Moore – YES. The motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Rules & Procedures Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted, by a Roll Call vote 3-0.