

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER



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

In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Budget & Finance Committee assembled voted, at their meeting on September 13, 2022, to approve the aforementioned minutes, as submitted.