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# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Council Resolution: R-FY20-002

Introduced By: Councilor Sousa  
 Date Introduced: September 3, 2019  
 First Reading: September 3, 2019  
 Second Reading: September 17, 2019  
 Amendments Adopted: None  
 Date Adopted: September 17, 2019  
 Effective Date: October 18, 2019

## Resolution R-FY20-002

### DECLARING THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER, MA A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators are a necessary component of a healthy ecosystem and food system, providing pollination of plants in order to grow vegetables, herbs and fruits; and  
**WHEREAS**, locally grown crops such as apples, blueberries, strawberries, squash and tomatoes depend on pollinators and thus are at risk; and  
**WHEREAS**, extensive research has documented that neonicotinoid and other systemic insecticides cause illness and death to bees and pollinators; and  
**WHEREAS**, alternative land management practices are available that dramatically increase pollinator forage while decreasing maintenance costs; and  
**WHEREAS**, the monetary and social costs of maintaining pollinator-friendly landscapes can be less expensive than costs associated with maintaining chemically-treated monocrop landscapes.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, that the Town of Bridgewater is hereby declared a Pollinator-Friendly Community, and that the Town encourages adoption of policies and practices that protect and support pollinator health by minimizing the sale and use of insecticides.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town of Bridgewater urges all Bridgewater property owners, residents, businesses, institutions, and neighborhoods to become more pollinator-friendly by adopting practices including:

- Committing to avoiding use of insecticides, including systemic insecticides on their property;
- Avoiding the planting of flowering plants which are treated with systemic insecticides;
- Planting more pollinator-supporting forage on their property and adopting organic or chemical-free lawn and landscaping practices.

The Town Clerk is requested to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Baker, Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner John Lebeaux, State Senator Marc R Pacheco, and State Representative, Angelo L. D'Emilia or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
• This measure was not referred to any committees. 14 days has elapsed per section XVIII of the Council Rules & Procedures therefore, this measure may be finally considered this evening.	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (9-0).**

#### **A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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 Ann M. Holmberg  
 Town Council Clerk

**VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**



# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Council Resolution: R-FY20-003

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Introduced By:	Councilors Sousa and Gallagher
Date Introduced:	September 3, 2019
First Reading:	September 3, 2019
Second Reading:	September 17, 2019
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	September 17, 2019
Effective Date:	October 18, 2019

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## Resolution R-FY20-003

### HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY – ACADEMY BUILDING

WHEREAS, the Academy Building houses employees and services citizens daily during weekdays; and

WHEREAS, the Academy Building renovation was successfully completed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the main entrance of the Academy Building is equipped with ADA compliant, handicap accessible doorways and;

WHEREAS, the door at the top of the ramp which enters the building on the Bedford Street side is not equipped with a handicap accessible door;

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby requests the Town Manager investigate the feasibility and necessity of upgrading applicable Academy Building doors including, but not limited to the Bedford Street entrance to ADA compliant, handicapped accessible;

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Town Manager report back to the Town Council at the earliest possible date, but no later than December 1, 2109

#### Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measure was not referred to any committees. 14 days has elapsed per section XVIII of the Council Rules &amp; Procedures therefore, this measure may be finally considered this evening.</li> </ul>	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (9-0).**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Ann M. Holmberg  
Town Council Clerk

**VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**

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# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Council Resolution: R-FY20-004

Introduced By: Councilor William Wood  
 Date Introduced: October 1, 2019  
 First Reading: October 1, 2019  
 Second Reading: October 15, 2019  
 Amendments Adopted: October 15, 2019  
 Date Adopted: October 15, 2019  
 Effective Date: October 15, 2019

## Resolution R-FY20-004

### TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES - 2020

WHEREAS: The Bridgewater Town Council Rules and Procedures, Section III Meetings states, "The Town Council will hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. In the months of June, July and August, the Council will meet monthly on the first Tuesday, following the first Monday"; and

WHEREAS: Adoption of this Resolution, establishes regular meeting dates which are an exception to the aforementioned rule; and

**RESOLVED:** The following dates are established as regular meetings for the calendar year 2020 and regular meetings will be held in the Academy Building, Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater MA, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

January 7, 2020	June 23, 2020*
January 21, 2020	July 7, 2020
February 4, 2020	August 4, 2020
February 25, 2020*	September 8, 2020**
March 10, 2020*	September 22, 2020*
March 24, 2020*	October 6, 2020
April 7, 2020	October 20, 2020
April 21, 2020	November 10, 2020*
May 5, 2020	November 24, 2020*
May 19, 2020	December 1, 2020
June 2, 2020	December 15, 2020

\*Exceptions to Section III of the Council Rules and Procedures are noted with an asterisk.

\*\*Amended to September 8, 2020 per Resolution R-FY20-007

### Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed per section XVIII of the Council Rules &amp; Procedures; therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.</li> </ul>	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0)(Councilor Losche absent).**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

**VOICE VOTE REQUIRED – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**



# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday February 4, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY20-005

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Introduced By:	Councilors William Wood and Dennis Gallagher
Date Introduced:	November 5, 2019
First Reading:	November 5, 2019
Second Reading:	February 4, 2020
Amendments Adopted:	February 4, 2020
Date Adopted:	February 4, 2020
Effective Date:	March 6, 2020

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## Resolution R-FY20-005

### **BRIDGEWATER'S FY 2021 BUDGET POLICY GUIDELINES**

WHEREAS: A methodical and disciplined approach to the operating budget is warranted.

**RESOLVED:** Pursuant to establishing guidelines and priorities for the Town Manager to develop the Annual Budget, the Town Council of Bridgewater, Massachusetts in Town Council assembled vote to adopt the following Policy Guidelines for the Town Manager to use in creating the FY 2021 Budget:

The Town Council is adopting these budget policy guidelines pursuant to Section 6-1 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter. Based on these guidelines, the Town Manager will develop budgetary goals and the Town Budget for Fiscal Year 2021.

#### **Introduction**

The following financial principles set forth the framework for our overall fiscal planning and management of the Town of Bridgewater's resources and are designed to ensure the Town's sound financial condition, now and in the future.

#### **Sound Financial Condition is defined as:**

- Cash Solvency - the ability to pay bills in a timely fashion
- Budgetary Solvency - the ability to annually balance the budget
- Long Term Solvency - the ability to pay for future costs
- Service Level Solvency - the ability to provide needed and desired services
- Reserve Solvency – the ability to adapt and respond to economic conditions
- Bond Rating- Aa3

To this end we will adhere to the following financial policies.

## Financial Policies and Guidelines:

The Town will adopt their Multi-Year forecast for fiscal years 2019-2025, prior to the submission of the FY Town Managers FY 2021 Budget. This will give the Town, a broader more forwarding looking perspective to better understand the budgetary cost drivers and our revenue capacity. Projecting forward will allow us to foresee where a structural deficit may exist when building out our operating budget for the ensuing year.

The following will be applied in preparing the FY 2021 Budget.

1. The town will avoid budgetary practices that balance current expenditures at the expense of meeting future year's expenses, **such as postponing maintenance and upkeep of our facilities and equipment.**
2. Recurring operating costs will be funded by recurring sources of revenue. In addition, to budget prudently and plan for contingencies the town sets the following **reserve objectives for FY 2021:**
  - a. **Unreserved Fund Balance** (free cash) for FY 2021 (07/01/2020) will be targeted at **1.25% of the 2021** operating budget and used only for one-time expenditures such as capital improvements, capital equipment, unexpected or extraordinary expenses such as unbudgeted snow and ice removal expenses and/or to meet the stabilization reserve policy objectives.
  - b. The Town will maintain a **Stabilization Fund** as its main financial reserve in the event of an emergency, unforeseen circumstances or an extraordinary need. It shall be the goal of the town to achieve and maintain a balance in the Stabilization Fund equal to **10% of its operating budget.**
3. **Revenue:**
  - a. Revenue Estimating: the revenues will be estimated conservatively, using an objective analytical approach. The goal is to predict revenues as accurately as possible while erring on the side of caution
  - b. Methodologies established that best fit the accuracy of forecasting, different methods for different revenue types: **Property Tax, Local Aid, Local Receipts, and Other Available Funds.**
  - c. Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation: A five-year forecast will be used to determine available funds to support, proportionately, the ensuing years Fire Department operating budget and capital requirements for the Ambulance Fleet.
  - d. For FY 2021 we set the projected revenue surplus at 1.25% of the 2021 operating budget.
4. **Expenditures:**
  - a. Estimating Major Cost Drivers: this compilation will address the increases necessary to fund the major budgetary cost drivers - salaries and benefits - which support our current service levels.
  - b. Maintenance of Capital Assets: The Town will compile a budget that will maintain capital assets and infrastructure to protect the Town's investment
  - c. Building and Infrastructure Maintenance Budgets: The Town will compile a budget that will maintain our capital assets and infrastructure to protect the Town's investment

**FY 2021 Town Manger’s Budget Objectives**

1. Continue the Town’s efforts within all departments to obtain grant funding from federal, state, and other sources, including the implementation of internship programs.
2. Review cost implication of contracted services vs. staffing in various departments.
3. Continue to enhance the Town’s website and use other technologies as cost effective means for delivering information and services, increasing public awareness, and encouraging public feedback.
4. Submit a budget which maintains the Towns current service level & a budget which will meet the Town Managers service priorities.

*Committee Referrals and Dispositions:*

<b>Referral(s)</b>	<b>Disposition(s)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Budget &amp; Finance Committee</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2/4/20: Vote 2-0 recommend approval with amendments.</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Finance Committee</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1/13/20: Vote 6-0 recommend approval (as amended by Finance Director).</li></ul>

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, to approve the aforementioned Order by a Roll Call vote (7-0) (District 6 Vacancy, Councilor Rushton Absent).**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Ann M. Holmberg  
Town Council Clerk





## Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, November 19, 2019

Council Resolution: R-FY20-006

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Introduced By:	Councilor Rushton
Date Introduced:	November 5, 2019
First Reading:	November 5, 2019
Second Reading:	November 19, 2019
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	November 19, 2019
Effective Date:	December 20, 2019

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### Resolution R-FY20-006

#### **SUPPORTING THE REDUCTION OF UNDERAGE VAPING IN BRIDGEWATER SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are currently investigating a multi-state outbreak of lung disease that has been associated with the use of e-cigarettes or vaping products (devices, liquids, refill pods, and/or cartridges).

WHEREAS: In Massachusetts, 41 percent of all youth in 2017 reported trying e-cigarettes and 1 in 5 reported using e-cigarettes regularly. Current use of e-cigarettes among high school students is 6 times higher than that for adults

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has had 61 reported cases of unexplained vaping-associated pulmonary disease

RESOLVED: That the Bridgewater Town Council supports the installation of vaping detection devices in our Bridgewater schools, to further the deterrence and reduction of youth vaping within Bridgewater's schools.

#### *Committee Referrals and Dispositions:*

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This measure was not referred to any committee.</li><li>14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules and procedures; therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.</li></ul>	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0) (Councilor Losche absent).**

#### **A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Ann M. Holmberg  
Town Council Clerk

**VOICE VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**



# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY20-007

Introduced By: Councilor Dennis Gallagher  
 Date Introduced: January 7, 2020  
 First Reading: January 7, 2020  
 Second Reading: January 21, 2020  
 Amendments Adopted: None  
 Date Adopted: January 21, 2020  
 Effective Date: January 21, 2020

## Resolution R-FY20-007

### AMEND SEPTEMBER 2020 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATE

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts State Primary Election date has been set for September 1, 2020, which is in direct conflict with a scheduled Regular Town Council meeting and;

WHEREAS: It is not advisable to hold a public meeting on the same date as an election;

**RESOLVED:** The first Regular Town Council meeting in September 2020 be amended to September 8, 2020 to be held in the Academy Building, Council Chambers, 66 Central Square, Bridgewater MA, beginning at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

### Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measure was not referred to any committee. This measure may be finally considered this evening as 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules &amp; Procedures.</li> </ul>	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a voice vote (8-0) (District 6 Councilor Vacancy).**

### A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

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 Ann M. Holmberg  
 Town Council Clerk



## Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY20-009

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Introduced By:	Councilors Rushton and Fitzgibbons
Date Introduced	May 5, 2020
First Reading:	May 5, 2020
Second Reading:	May 19, 2020
Amendments Adopted:	None
Date Adopted:	May 19, 2020
Date Effective:	June 20, 2020

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### **Resolution R-FY20-009**

#### **A RESOLUTION AIDING AND SUPPORTING THE RE-OPENING OF BUSINESSES CLOSED BY EXECUTIVE AND PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS**

**WHEREAS**, on March 24, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts invoking powers pursuant to Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, issued Executive Order *Covid-19 Order No. 30*, which extended the operation of Executive Order *Covid-19 Order No. 13* and effected the closure of certain workplaces and prohibited the gathering of more than 10 persons; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth, in response to the continuing public health emergency extended the closures certain workplaces and prohibition of the gathering of more than 10 persons from May 4, 2020, to May 18, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the declaration of a public health emergency, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued several Public Health Emergency Orders, which defined essential businesses and necessitated the closure of “non-essential” businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, by acting quickly to impose necessary restrictions on citizens and businesses alike, the Governor, The Town of Bridgewater government, and its residents have managed to minimize the incidence and spread of COVID-19 within the Town which may have saved an untold number of lives;

**WHEREAS**, those businesses designated as “non-essential” businesses include small businesses, restaurateurs, specialty retailers and non-profits that have long been an essential part of the fabric of our Town and our local economy, but also of our nation’s economy by providing necessary services to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, these businesses and specialty retailers employ, pay wages, and provide health care benefits to a many in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, on April 28, 2020 the Governor announced plans to convene a Council to advise him on plans to reopen Commonwealth of Massachusetts businesses and communities;

**WHEREAS**, it is possible to reasonably reopen the economy while maintaining public health; and

**ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJOITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town of Bridgewater Town Council fully affirms and endorses Governor Charles D. Baker’s plan to convene a Reopening Advisory Board led by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito and Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy. The panel will include public health professionals and members of the business community and municipal governments who will develop recommendations for the prudent and phased re-opening of the state’s economy.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bridgewater Town Council stands willing to assist and work with other governing bodies to develop guidelines and appropriate restrictions that recognize the differing challenges of this endeavor; and support the development and implementation of a phased-in data driven approach in the reopening of its businesses, including utilizing the full weight of the legislative tools available to it under the Home Rule Charter and applicable laws of the Commonwealth.

**FURTHER**, that the Bridgewater Town Council urges the Town Manager to propose to the Town Council any ordinance, rule, or regulation, or any suspension thereof if such action would assist Bridgewater businesses in their efforts to reopen.

**FURTHER**, that the Bridgewater Town Council encourages the Town Manager to bring to bear any and all efforts, staff, and initiatives within the Town’s ability to support the economic recovery of Bridgewater business community.

**FURTHER**, the Bridgewater Town Council continues to encourage its citizens to be vigilant in their efforts to combat and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by employing prudent safety measures and maintaining social distancing guidelines. The result of which will allow the safe reopening of small businesses, restaurants, specialty retailers and non-profits and expeditious return to the economy that the Town of Bridgewater citizens once enjoyed, and work to make even more substantial improvements to the economic environment in Bridgewater.

*Committee Referrals and Dispositions:*

<b>Referral(s)</b>	<b>Disposition(s)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 Days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules &amp; Procedures; therefore, this measure may be finally considered this evening.</li></ul>

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a Roll Call vote (9-0).**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Ann M. Holmberg  
Town Council Clerk

**ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJOITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**



# Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Council Resolution: R-FY20-010

Introduced By: Councilors Fitzgibbons and Gallagher  
 Date Introduced: June 23, 2020  
 First Reading: June 23, 2020  
 Second Reading: July 7, 2020  
 Amendments Adopted: None  
 Date Adopted: July 7, 2020  
 Date Effective: July 7, 2020

## Resolution R-FY20-010

### A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COVID-19 STATE FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**WHEREAS**, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

**WHEREAS**, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

**RESOLVED**: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

**THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.**

#### *Committee Referrals and Dispositions:*

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This measure was not referred to any committee. 14 days has elapsed per Section XVIII of the Council Rules &amp; Procedures, therefore this measure may be finally considered this evening.</li> </ul>	

**In accordance with the applicable provisions of the Town of Bridgewater Home Rule Charter and Town Council Rules and Procedures, the Town Council assembled voted, at their meeting on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 to approve the aforementioned Resolution by a Roll Call vote (9-0).**

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

Ann M. Holmberg  
Town Council Clerk

**ROLL CALL VOTE – REQUIRES MAJORITY OF THOSE PRESENT AND VOTING.**

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